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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

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☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION  
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☐ INTELLIGENCE DIVISION
From: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-NEW) (RA) (C)Subject: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, WILKES-BARRE, PA., POLICE DEPARTMENT:  
EMPLOYEES OF THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION, WILKES-BARRE, PA.  
VICTIM
☒ CR ☐ EL ☐ DIH ☐ CRA-64  
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Summary of Complaint:

On 10/26/78, [redacted] for the Wackenhut Corporation, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., alleged that members of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Police Department, through inaction and overt action, had deprived employees of the Wackenhut Corporation of their basic constitutional rights. These actions had occurred between October 13, 1978 and October 26, 1978, during the course of a strike by employees of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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ACTION: UACB:

☒ No further action being taken and  
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☐ FD-376 (Enc. to LHM)  
☐ LHM being submitted  
☐ Report being submitted

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
WILKES-BARRE, PA., POLICE  
DEPARTMENT;  
WACKENHUT CORPORATION,  
WILKES-BARRE, PA. - VICTIM;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

On October 26, 1978, [redacted]  
[redacted] of the Wackenhut Corporation in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.,  
furnished information alleging that members of the Wilkes-  
Barre, Pa., Police Department, through inaction and overt  
action, had deprived employees of the Wackenhut Corporation  
of their basic constitutional rights. This information is  
set out in the following:



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ENCLOSURE



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] Wackenhut Corporation, 3280 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida, was contacted in [redacted]

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[redacted] He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of his position as a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and stated that he wished to make a formal civil rights complaint against members of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Police Department. [redacted] was then interviewed and furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that the Wackenhut Corporation, based in Coral Gables, Florida, was in the security business and had been hired by Capital Cities, Inc., a large publishing firm which owned the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to handle the security for the newspaper's property. The publishing company had just recently purchased the newspaper and were in contract negotiations with their employees when on October 6, 1978, the negotiations broke down and the Unions representing the employees called a general strike. [redacted] advised he arrived in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on October 10, 1978 and assumed [redacted] on that date. Prior to his arrival, the Wackenhut Corporation had supplied the newspaper with 237 uniformed guards to guard the newspaper's property located at 51 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The Wackenhut security guards had been hired from all over the East Coast, from Washington, D.C., to Miami, Florida. They were flown to the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where they were paid \$2.85 per hour plus \$15.00 a day per diem expenses. The guards were placed on 12 hour shifts and averaged approximately 84 hours of work per week. He advised that of the 237 uniformed guards, approximately 136 were Negro.

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On October 11, 1978, at approximately 9:00AM, [redacted] was approaching the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Times Leader Newspaper Company, 51 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., when he was stopped by a uniformed Wilkes-Barre Police Officer. This officer advised that the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., wished to talk to him in an alley located next to the newspaper and directly across the street from City Hall. The Mayor introduced

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himself and advised that the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was concerned with the presence of the Wackenhut Corporation being in town, and they were especially concerned with the large number of "Niggers". He indicated there were only one or two "Niggers" in town and that the large numbers were upsetting the people. He further indicated that he had only a 95 man police force and that this was a "Union town". He stated his police officers would not be able to control the situation if trouble broke out. Mayor LISMAN had personally contacted the State of Pennsylvania Commissioner of Public Safety and had been personally assured that the State Police would not intervene should trouble break out in the city between members of the striking union and employees of the Wackenhut Corporation. Upon conclusion of this conversation, Mayor LISMAN made it known that it was his wish that the Wackenhut Corporation would get rid of most of their black security guards.

Upon arriving at the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Company, [ ] learned that there had been a bomb scare. The Wilkes-Barre Police Department was called and [ ] of the Wilkes-Barre Police Bomb Squad, responded. After checking the facility for a bomb, [ ] accompanied [ ] to the Wilkes-Barre Police Station where he was introduced to Chief JOHN RUDDICK in his office. Present at this meeting, were the Chief of Police, [ ], and one unknown Pennsylvania State Trooper. At this meeting, [ ] advised Chief RUDDICK of the number of guards he had on duty and the fact it was his belief they did in fact have too many guards and he planned on reducing this force down to approximately 100. The Chief of Police indicated that the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was approximately 95 percent white and the presence of blacks were very disturbing to the community. He was concerned with the fact that the publisher was wrong in bringing a security force from outside the area into Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to secure the newspaper's property. He indicated it was his belief it would have been better if a local security firm had been hired due to the fact that in the past, local security companies have handled the situation better as they were friends and neighbors of the strikers. When advised of [ ] plan to reduce his security force, RUDDICK requested, "How many Niggers" are you going to release. [ ] indicated he was probably going to have to release in excess of 100. Also discussed at the meeting, were some small incidents that had occurred between the striking union employees and the Wackenhut

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security guards. In addition, [ ] made it known to the Chief of Police that it was the policy of the company not to match the strength of the pickets with security guards. He had instructed his guards merely to protect the employees and the property of the newspaper and that they were to make no overt actions whatsoever against any pickets. In addition, if they observed any acts of violence or of a criminal nature, they were merely to report this to their superiors who in turn would contact the police.

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[ ] stated from October 6, 1978 to October 13, 1978, the paper did not publish. This was due to the large number of pickets surrounding the building making it impossible for the delivery trucks to enter or leave the facility. On October 13, 1978, attorneys for the publishing company obtained an injunction against the striking unions which limited the number of pickets at any one location to six. On that date, the newspaper published their first paper in over a week and at approximately 8:00PM, [ ] led a caravan of four delivery trucks loaded with the evening newspaper out of the newspaper's parking lot. [ ] was driving a Ford Granada automobile and was followed by the delivery trucks. Approximately two blocks from the newspaper property, [ ] made an illegal right turn on a red light and was stopped by two officers in a Wilkes-Barre police cruiser. At the time of the stop, a large crowd had gathered at the newspaper and had followed the caravan of vehicles. After the stop, one of the policemen in the cruiser went across the street from [ ] vehicle and held back the crowd while the other police officer filled out a ticket charging [ ] with a traffic violation. As the policeman was writing the ticket, another police cruiser arrived and assisted holding back the crowd. [ ] walked from his vehicle to the passenger side of the police cruiser where the officer was located that was writing the ticket. As [ ] was standing by the police cruiser, he observed a white male walking toward the cruiser from across the street. The crowd was yelling, "Scab". As the man approached the police cruiser, the policeman exited his cruiser and left the scene without giving [ ] a ticket. The man approached [ ] from behind and began yelling profanities in his ear for approximately 30 seconds. He then spit in [ ] face and left the area. As the man spit on [ ], the crowd cheered. The police returned to their cruiser after the man left. [ ] stated he took no physical action against the individual due to the fact he felt the crowd might jump him. When the policeman returned to the cruiser, he gave [ ]

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his traffic violation. No mention of the spitting incident was made to the police by [redacted]. He stated the policemen were very polite during the episode, however, it was his belief that the police had intentionally left the area during the incident.

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After receiving the ticket, the newspapers were delivered to the post office and the vehicles returned to the newspaper parking lot without incident. Approximately 10:30PM, a rock barrage began against the newspaper building. In addition, loud firecrackers or small explosives could be heard in the newspaper parking lot. At this time, no police were observed anywhere by any of his guards. On every night prior to the evening of October 13, 1978, the Wilkes-Barre Police had been at the scene and had Canine Units as well as portable units for lighting set up outside the building. However, on this evening, there were absolutely no police. As the barrage became more intense, hundreds of rocks began coming through the windows of the building and at approximately 11:30PM, the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Police were called and advised of the situation and a request was made for help. A dispatcher by the name of [redacted] stated, "There is nothing we can do to help you". The situation was again explained to him and he suggested that [redacted] talk to the Judge that had issued the injunction that day. [redacted] attempted to contact the Judge at his residence, but had no success. He then called the Luzerne County Sheriff's residence and was advised he was not at home. He attempted to contact two of the Sheriff's deputies at their residences also, but met with little success.

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It was [redacted] belief that the building was besieged with approximately 35 employees of the newspaper and 35 security guards in the building. At approximately 1:00AM, on October 14, 1978, the barrage subsided and he attempted to get the newspaper employees out of the area in vans which were parked in the newspaper parking lot. As he attempted to leave the rear of the parking lot, he was unsuccessful in getting the vans out due to the large number of pickets that refused to move. His guards then attempted to open the front gate of the parking lot, however, met with no success due to the fact that each time the guards attempted to unlock the gate, they were maced by the pickets. [redacted] estimates there were at least 50 pickets in the immediate area of the front gate when the injunction stated there could be no more than six. Finally,

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the pickets placed their own lock on the front gate making it impossible for the guards to open.

One of the [ ] from Nashville, Tennessee, [ ] finally was able to contact the Luzerne County Sheriff and he agreed to send some of his deputies to the scene. At approximately 2:00AM that morning, four Luzerne County Deputy Sheriffs did in fact arrive at the front of the building. While [ ] was talking to the deputies, the rear gate of the parking lot was ripped from its hinges. [ ] stated that the newspaper company had built a 12' high chain link fence around the parking lot topped with barbed wire and that the pickets, in order to break the gate, had to ram it with a large truck. After the rear gate had been broken down, Wackenhut security guards observed large numbers of pickets enter the parking lot and crawl under the newspaper vehicles. The Luzerne County deputies suggested that [ ] get the newspaper employees out of the building while the Sheriff's Office was there. Vehicles were brought in to carry the employees as a preventive measure to insure that no one rode in a van in which a bomb could have been placed into. The Sheriff's Department got in touch with the Wilkes-Barre Police who consented to escort the vans with the people in them once they left the parking area. At approximately 3:30AM, the Luzerne County Sheriff arrived at the scene and began talking to the [ ]. The Sheriff advised there was nothing he could do regarding the pickets damaging the building and vehicles in the parking lot. [ ] requested he call the State Police but the Sheriff declined to do so. Following [ ] conversation with the Sheriff, he talked to several deputy sheriffs who insisted that all newspaper employees be out of the building by 5:00AM, or the Wilkes-Barre Police would not escort the vehicles. Finally at approximately 5:15AM, all the employees of the newspaper were driven in vans from the parking lot to a safe location.

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The following morning, [ ] was able to assess the damage and discovered the following:

The back gate of the parking lot had been completely demolished, four delivery trucks had had their windows completely smashed, the tires on these trucks were slashed, and fenders were bent. In addition, a radio had been stolen from one of the vehicles. Also, [ ] rented car had its windshield smashed in.

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All windows on the first and second floors of the west side of the building had been damaged and a video camera, which was located on the outside of the building had also been smashed. All windows in the rear of the building on the second floor had also been severely damaged. [ ] estimates that the damage was in excess of \$100,000.00.

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That morning, on October 14, 1978, police cruisers again began patrolling the area, however, at night the police no longer were around. He stated the police in fact had to make an effort not to be visible due to the fact that the police station was located across the street from the newspaper building.

On Sunday, October 15, 1978, between the hours of approximately 8:00AM and 11:00AM, one of the Wackenhut transport vans left the newspaper building with employees who were to be taken to the Treadway Inn in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. In the van were two Wackenhut [ ] and the [ ]. As [ ] left the newspaper parking lot, he was followed by three vehicles. As he continued to drive toward the Treadway Inn, he began to take evasive action to determine if these vehicles were in fact following him. As he did so, the vehicles in question attempted to ram the van. One of these drivers who was attempting to ram the Wackenhut van lost control of his vehicle and struck a telephone pole. The Wackenhut security van continued without incident to the Treadway Inn. Upon their arrival, [ ] contacted the Wilkes-Barre Police and advised them of the incident. Shortly thereafter, the Wilkes-Barre Police arrived at the Treadway Inn. The police officer indicated that he had witnessed the entire episode and they arrested both [ ] for leaving the scene of an accident. At the time of the arrests, one of the officers by the name of [ ], advised [ ] that he had seen him driving the van and that was the reason for his arrest. After being transported to the Wilkes-Barre Police Station, a [ ] on the Police Force came in and advised the arresting officers that [ ] was not the driver and that [ ] should be the one charged. While the police were filling out the arrest forms, [ ] observed a sign on the police bulletin board which stated, "Do yourself a favor-arrest a Wackenhut". As [ ] were reading this sign, a female police officer came into the room and ripped the sign down and placed in in a trash can.

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On that same day, at approximately 8:00PM, about 15 union employees arrived at the Master Host Inn in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where the Wackenhut security guards were staying.

[redacted], observed these individuals approach the vehicles owned by Wackenhut and attempted to find out what they were doing in the area. When he approached the group, he was beaten and eventually escaped back to his room. After beating [redacted], these union members who were led by [redacted], a member of the National Union Headquarters, approached room 29 of the Master Host Inn, where [redacted] was staying. The union members smashed the windows out of several rooms and when [redacted] opened the door in an attempt to find out what was happening, [redacted] attempted to enter the room. [redacted] immediately began to shut the door, but [redacted] placed his foot in the door making it impossible to close. As he was attempting to get the door closed, [redacted] struck one of the Wackenhut employees, [redacted] in the face.

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The Wilkes-Barre Police were called as soon as the union employees had arrived, but they did not get to the Master Host Inn until approximately 20 minutes after the initial call. The police arrived in three cruisers and were apprised of the situation, including the fact that [redacted] [redacted] was recognized by several members of the Wackenhut Corporation. The Wilkes-Barre Police stated that even though [redacted] knew who led the attack, they could not arrest him until [redacted] had sworn out a warrant before a magistrate. [redacted] was concerned about this as he had just had one [redacted] [redacted] arrested by the police without a warrant being filed by anyone other than the police themselves. [redacted] stated that no warrant has been filed by his company against [redacted] but that it is expected that a formal complaint will be filed before a local magistrate on October 27, 1978.

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[redacted] continued that the next few days the newspaper went on without incident with the exception of delivery problems caused by the inaction of either the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office or the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Police. Specifically, on October 21, 22, and 23, 1978, the newspaper had difficulty in exiting the newspaper parking lot to make deliveries due to the large number of pickets on the scene. When these problems arose, the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office would be called and apprised of the situation as it was their responsibility according to an injunction handed down by Luzerne County Judge PODCASY, that they were to limit the number of pickets at the newspaper. The Sheriff's Office would eventually respond and deliveries would be made. In addition to the Sheriff's Office being contacted, the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Police would be called

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to assist in getting the delivery trucks out. However, the dispatcher, a policeman by the name of [redacted], would always advise that they could not respond and that it was the Sheriff's Office who was responsible.

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[redacted] stated the last incident involving his security people occurred at approximately 6:00AM on October 26, 1978. He stated that [redacted] both of which are [redacted] of the Wackenhut Corporation and are authorized to carry handguns, were escorting a publishing company VIP into the building. As they were escorting this individual into the building, [redacted] observed one of the security guards being grabbed by the pickets and dragged into an alley around the corner. [redacted] rushed to [redacted] assistance, and rescued him, however, he in turn was severely beaten by the pickets who were led by [redacted] the National Union. None of the other Wackenhut security guards in the area attempted to assist [redacted] as he was being beaten due to the fact that they had orders to protect their client at all costs and that they were not to defend themselves or cause an incident. Eventually, [redacted] escaped from his attackers and was forced to remain overnight in a local hospital. Again he stated the Wilkes-Barre Police Department was called, however, they did not respond for approximately 15 minutes. [redacted] feels this was an excessive amount of time due to the fact that the police station is located across the street from the newspaper building. [redacted] stated that charges were to be charged against [redacted] regarding his beating of [redacted] on October 27, 1978.

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[redacted] stated that in addition to the Wackenhut security guards being abused by the police, the newspaper company and its employees were also being subjected to the same type of harassment and inaction by the police. He advised that on October 13, 1978, at approximately 8:00PM, three employees of the publishing company, [redacted] and [redacted], approached the rear gate of the newspaper parking lot. As they attempted to turn into the alley which led to the parking lot, they were stopped by one of six policemen who were standing in the area. Also in the area were at least 19 pickets. These policemen indicated that they could not continue driving into the area until they identified themselves. A female police officer approached the vehicle and requested identification. As the occupants of the car identified themselves, one of the pickets came up right behind the police and read the identification cards over her shoulder.

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As soon as the pickets learned that the individuals in the automobile were employees of the publishing company, they began yelling and shouting obscenities, as well as attacking the car. The pickets began to pound the car with their feet and fists and attempted to break the antenna off the car. In addition, one of the pickets, [redacted] through himself at the left front fender and went down to the ground, attempting to make it look as though he had been run over by the vehicle. The police made no effort to move the crowd and as they pounded on the car, another picket laid down in front of the vehicle with the assistance of an unknown white female. The police observed the man lying in front of the car and immediately called an ambulance and asked for the drivers license of the driver. The vehicle was being driven by [redacted] and in the commotion, he could not locate his drivers license. The police asked [redacted] and come to the police cruiser. He got into the car and was immediately taken to the police station where an accident report was filed. After filling out these forms, he was advised by [redacted] that he was being charged with assault with a motor vehicle. When asked who was filing the charge and who was going to charge the pickets for assaulting his car, [redacted] stated that no charges were being filed. During this conversation, [redacted], who is [redacted], was in the police station and during a conversation with [redacted] was asked, "Why don't you just go ahead and reach an agreement with those fellows".

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Another incident which [redacted] believes reflects some indication that the police are assisting the pickets in their strike occurred on October 13, 1978. This incident was observed by [redacted] an employee of the publishing company. [redacted] was seated at his desk in the newspaper building that evening, when one of the pickets began annoying the employees by shining a flashlight through the blinds into their eyes. [redacted] later observed this man walk over to a police car located across the street from the newspaper company and toss this flashlight into the back seat. Although he did not observe any policemen at the car, there were police all around the building and he believes they were aware that the picket was using property of the police department to harass employees of the paper. [redacted] stated on October 26, 1978, members of the newspaper had taken photographs of two Wilkes-Barre Police Officers who failed to act upon observing a criminal act by the pickets. He said the first act occurred between 2:00PM and 4:00PM when an elderly white female left the publishing company building after purchasing a newspaper. One of the pickets in the area slammed his elbow into

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the woman's stomach and bent her over. [redacted], one of the [redacted] observed two Wilkes-Barre policemen standing across the street from the publishing company who witnessed the incident and did absolutely nothing. Shortly after this, a man entered the front doors of the newspaper building and tossed a bundle of newspapers through a second set of entrance doors. These same two police officers were observed witnessing the incident and again they did absolutely nothing. Photos of these police officers were taken by photographers for the Wackenhut Corporation.

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[redacted] stated that the newspaper was experiencing some delivery problems in getting newspapers to its delivery boys. It was his belief that after they are dropped off for the delivery boys, members of the union pick up these bundles so they cannot be delivered. [redacted] stated that in addition to the union officials doing this sort of thing, he had information furnished to him by [redacted] both of whom are [redacted], which indicated that the police were assisting in these acts. They had advised him that on October 26, 1978, at 4:45PM, they had observed a Wilkes-Barre police cruiser having license number NG17661, pick up two bundles of newspapers which had been dropped off to the delivery boy shortly beforehand.

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[redacted] advised he would be able to furnish the names and addresses of all the witnesses to the above incidents upon request.

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[redacted] concluded by stating that due to the numerous incidents which have taken place at the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper had been forced to terminate their contract with Wackenhut as of October 28, 1978, and hire a local security agency. It is [redacted] belief that due to inaction and overt actions by members of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department against employees of the Wackenhut Corporation, his company was forced into the position in which they could no longer conduct business in the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., area. He feels that the police attitude was prejudiced against his company which resulted in his company's termination by the newspaper and which caused the Wackenhut Corporation to suffer a severe financial setback. The newspaper was paying the Wackenhut Corporation approximately \$120,000.00 a week in salaries plus expenses. In addition, [redacted] was forced to deny employment to approximately 137 blacks who he had initially hired and brought to Wilkes-Barre, Pa., for employment. His company has also experienced a large number of security officers resigning over the fact that they have been offered no protection whatsoever by the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., police against unlawful physical attacks against them. He

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feels that his employees are in danger of physical harm by pickets and possible false arrests by the police and that the company's employees basic constitutional rights have been denied.

[ ] concluded by stating that the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Chief of Police JOHN RUDDICK had resigned on October 26, 1978, and it was his belief one of the reasons for this resignation was the manner in which he had handled this strike. He feels there is enough indication that the Wilkes-Barre Police have failed to perform their duty which has resulted in great harm to his company and their employees and he is requesting the assistance of the Department of Justice in investigating this matter.

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To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

☐ GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISIONFrom: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (44-3219)(RA)(C) ☒ CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION☐ CRIMINAL SECTION☐ INTELLIGENCE DIVISIONSubject: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; WILKES-BARRE, PA.; POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
EMPLOYEES OF THE WACKENHUT CORPORATION, WILKES-BARRE,  
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Re Philadelphia FD-365 to the Bureau, 10/27/78.

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Summary of Complaint:

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INDICES: ☒ Negative ☐ See Summary

ACTION: UACB:

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Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

November 2, 1978

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
WILKES-BARRE, PA., POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
WACKENHUT CORPORATION, WILKES-BARRE, PA.,-  
VICTIM CIVIL RIGHTS

On November 1, 1978, [REDACTED]  
of the Wackenhut Corporation, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., furnished  
additional information regarding a civil rights complaint  
initially filed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
on October 26, 1978, alleging that members of the Wilkes-Barre,  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted] Wackenhut Corporation, 3280 Ponce de Leon Boulevard, Coral Gables, Florida, was contacted in [redacted]

[redacted] He was advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and of his position as a Special Agent (SA) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). [redacted] stated that since filing an initial civil rights complaint against members of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Police Department, with the FBI on October 26, 1978, he had learned of additional information which he feels further supports his contention that the Wilkes-Barre Police Department is involved in a conspiracy to violate the constitutional rights of employees of the Wackenhut Corporation. [redacted] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] stated that the Wackenhut Corporation had been hired by Capital Cities, Inc., a large publishing firm which owned the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to handle the security of the newspaper property during a strike between unionized employees and the newspaper. During the course of this strike, on October 15, 1978, [redacted]

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[redacted] had been assaulted at the Master Host Inn, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., by striking newspaper employees who were led by [redacted] the [redacted]. In addition, on October 26, 1978, [redacted] another [redacted] [redacted] was assaulted on the newspaper property by [redacted] and striking employees, which resulted in [redacted] being admitted to a local hospital.

On October 27, 1978, [redacted] [redacted] accompanied by a [redacted] [redacted] attempted to swear out a complaint against [redacted] charging him with assault, with Luzerne County Magistrate JOHN BEDNARZ. Magistrate BEDNARZ, after reading the complaint, advised they would only be able to file harassment charges which is a misdemeanor, based on the facts as stated in the complaint. He advised them that if they wished to pursue the matter and file assault charges, which is a felony, they would have to contact the Luzerne County District Attorney. Shortly thereafter,

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by SA [redacted] /jab Date dictated 11/1/78

CHESTER MUROSKI, the Luzerne County District Attorney, was contacted and advised of the facts of the case, at which time he also indicated that the facts only supported a harassment charge. Following the meeting with the District Attorney, NEWMAN, [REDACTED], returned to the Magistrate's office after rewriting their complaint. Magistrate BEDNARZ, upon examination of the complaint, advised that it was written incorrectly and that he just did not have the time to assist them in correcting the improper language in the document.

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As it became apparent that they were getting the run around between the Luzerne County Magistrate and the District Attorney's Office, [REDACTED] decided to tackle the task of obtaining a warrant of arrest for [REDACTED] for the assault of [REDACTED] on October 26, 1978. [REDACTED] in a meeting with Luzerne County District Attorney CHESTER MUROSKI, and [REDACTED] of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Police Department, was advised by the District Attorney that if Wackenhut wished to file a private complaint against [REDACTED], [REDACTED] the victim would have to be present at the hearing. This was impossible, however, due to the fact that [REDACTED] was in the hospital recovering from the assault. The District Attorney advised that it would be within the power of the Wilkes-Barre Police to file a complaint based on statements furnished by the victim, [REDACTED]. At this point, [REDACTED] advised that prior to his department filing any complaint against [REDACTED], he would have to contact the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to determine if this would be the correct procedure. Later that day, [REDACTED] contacted [REDACTED] and was advised that the Mayor had no comment on the filing of the complaint and that no decision would be made until the Mayor had met with City Council which was scheduled for October 31, 1978.

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On November 1, 1978, [REDACTED], in a conversation with [REDACTED] for Capital Cities, Inc., learned that the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., WALTER LISMAN, had prior to the newspaper strike, on October 6, 1978, admitted to another [REDACTED] for Capital Cities, Inc., [REDACTED] that [REDACTED] had held several meetings with the Mayor. [REDACTED] also stated that on October 31, 1978, JOHN SWIM had been made acting Chief of Police following the resignation of then Chief of Police, JOHN RUDDICK, on October 26, 1978. During an "Off the record" interview with one of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper reporters, SWIM stated that prior to the strike by newspaper employees, a meeting had been held between the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.,

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the Wilkes-Barre Chief of Police and his assistant, as well as the Wilkes-Barre City Solicitor. At this meeting, a conscience decision was made not to enforce the law on the picket line of the Wilkes-Barre Time Leader Newspaper, and that the pickets were not to be bothered no matter what they did. SWIM stated this decision was made known to the rank and file on the police department. SWIM further indicated that when he was offered the job of Chief of Police, he took it only on the condition that he would be able to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania no matter who violated the law.

[redacted] concluded by stating that it was his belief the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was the only place in the United States where it required the approval of City Council for the police to enforce the laws of the United States, and it would be comical if it were not such a serious situation. [redacted] company is continuing their efforts to obtain warrants for the arrest of [redacted] and hopefully under the direction of the new Chief of Police of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., will be successful. He stated, however, that due to past actions of certain members of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, it was his belief that the constitutional rights of several of the employees of the Wackenhut Corporation had been violated and requested the assistance of the Justice Department in investigating this matter.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: DEC 1 1978

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FROM : Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division ~~FEDERAL GOVERNMENT~~

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects; Wilkes-Barre Pennsylvania  
Police Department;  
Wackenhut Corporation Employees - Victims  
Denial of Police Protection  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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Reference is made to your memorandum of October 31, 1978 enclosing one copy of a letterhead memorandum dated October 27, 1978 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

The incidents described in the above referenced memoranda wherein state and local police allegedly permitted unlawful acts to be committed against employees of the Wackenhut Corporation may involve violations of 18 U.S.C. 241, 18 U.S.C. 242 and other federal statutes. Accordingly, please conduct preliminary investigations into the following incidents;

1. The rock barrage of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader building and other property damage by pickets on October 13-14 and the alleged failure of the police to respond to calls for assistance;

2. The alleged assaults on October 15, of Wackenhut employees Allgood and Paul by unknown subjects, and the alleged failure of the police to investigate this incident;

3. The alleged failure of the police to take any action regarding the alleged assault on October 15 by strikers against Wackenhut employees at the Master Host Inn;

4. The alleged assault by strikers on Wackenhut employee Smith and the failure of the police to take any action regarding this incident.

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5. Contact and interview [redacted]  
[redacted] and determine the reason why he [redacted]  
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he has any knowledge of statements or action by city officials  
indicating that the police were not to enforce the law.

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From: Director, FBI

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Enclosed is one copy of a self-explanatory  
Departmental letter dated 12/1/78.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance  
with the provisions of Section 44, MIOG, and surep within 21  
days of receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your  
report that it contains the results of a limited investigation  
and underscore the word limited.

Advise all persons and appropriate officials inter-  
viewed at the outset that this investigation is being conducted  
at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

On 12/12/78, Departmental Attorney [redacted],  
CRD, DOJ, also requested that police reports of the alleged  
incident be obtained.

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## REFERENCES

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Interview [redacted]  
re her observations at the Master Host Inn on 10/15/78.

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At Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

1. Interview [redacted] Wilkes-Barre  
Police Department, re his knowledge of incidents on  
10/13-14/78, 11:00 p.m. - 7:00 a.m. shift.

2. Secure signed statement from [redacted]  
[redacted] Wilkes-Barre Police Department, re arrest of  
Wackenhut employee, [redacted] on 10/15/78.

3. Interview [redacted]  
[redacted] re incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing  
Company between 10/13-25/78.

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4. Interview [redacted]  
[redacted] Wilkes-Barre, Pa., re incidents at the Wilkes-  
Barre Publishing Company during October, 1978, and  
obtain reasons for [redacted] the police  
department.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Date:

January 17, 1979

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
WACKENHUT CORPORATION EMPLOYEES-VICTIMS;  
DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS (A)

Synopsis:

At the request of the DOJ, Civil Division, Washington, D.C., a limited investigation is being conducted into incidents occurring on 10/13,15,25/78, during a strike by union employees at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., in which the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and other Luzerne County public officials allegedly failed to take appropriate action. Interviews with employees of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company and Wackenhut security guards outline these allegations. Members of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, Luzerne County, Pa., Sheriff's Office, as well as the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre were interviewed and all state that they have no knowledge of any incident, during the strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, in which their respective departments' initial response and subsequent actions were inappropriate. Investigation continuing.

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Details:

I. PREDICATION

Investigation into this matter was predicated upon receipt of a letter dated December 1, 1978, from [ ] Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Washington, D.C., addressed to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) which requested that an investigation be conducted into four incidents wherein it is alleged that local and state police permitted unlawful acts to be committed against employees of the Wackenhut Corporation in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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These incidents are as follows:

1. The rock barrage of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader building and other property damage by pickets on October 13-14 and the alleged failure of the police to respond to calls for assistance.

2. The alleged assaults on October 15, of Wackenhut employees, [ ], by unknown subjects and the alleged failure of the police to investigate this incident.

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3. The alleged failure of the police to take any action regarding the alleged assault on October 15 by strikers against Wackenhut employees at the Master Host Inn.

4. The alleged assault by strikers on Wackenhut employee [ ] and the failure of the police to take any action regarding this incident.

The Justice Department's request for investigative action was based upon a complaint filed with the Wilkes-Barre Office of the FBI by [ ] for the Wackenhut Corporation on October 26, 1978.

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II. ROCK BARRAGE WILKES-BARRE TIMES LEADER, 10/13-14/78

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[redacted] 24th Floor, First American Center, Nashville, Tennessee, advised that during October of 1978, his firm was involved in labor relations counsel for the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania Publishing Company. [redacted] related that during labor negotiations between the publishing company and the union personnel, there were numerous instances of violence which subsequently resulted in obtaining a court injunction enjoining the labor union from further violence.

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When the violence continued, [redacted] contacted the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre for assistance in quieting the disturbance, and the Mayor advised him that the Sheriff was responsible for enforcing the injunction that had been issued, and [redacted] then pointed out the civil disobedience and destruction that was being caused to the publishing company office and other violence, and the Mayor's position was "don't call me". This was approximately 2:30 am on October 14, 1978. [redacted] then attempted to obtain assistance from the Pennsylvania State Police and spoke with Trooper [redacted] of the State Police hoping that a record would be made of his call. Trooper [redacted] explained to him that the State Police could not give any assistance unless they were specifically requested to do so by the Sheriff of the particular county involved. [redacted] thought that he asked Trooper [redacted] if any other requests had been received, and he said that there had been none.

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[redacted] advised that he had already checked out the legal procedure for obtaining State Police assistance and was aware of the fact that such a request had to come from the local Sheriff.

Sheriff JAGODINSKI of the Luzerne Sheriff's Department was subsequently contacted with respect to the problem, and the Sheriff advised that he could be of no assistance in the matter. Upon further pursuit of the Sheriff's assistance in the matter, Sheriff JAGODINSKI stated that he would return to the Court-house and think about the problem. Approximately one hour later, Sheriff JAGODINSKI returned and he stated that he would refuse to call the State Police for assistance and would check with the Solicitor about the problem on Monday morning. In

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view of the fact that this conversation with the Sheriff was taking place during the early morning hours on Saturday, October 14, 1978, [ ] thought it was absolutely ridiculous to put off this problem until Monday morning with a full scale riot in progress. [ ] is not aware of who the Solicitor is, although he assumed it was some county attorney.

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[ ] could recall no specific request being made to the Wilkes-Barre Police Department for assistance in the riot and destruction of the publishing company in view of the fact that [ ] of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department was present during the course of the riot and it was obvious that there were many acts of civil disobedience being committed, all of which were in plain view of the police officers on the scene and probably were in plain view of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, which is within one block of the publishing company.

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[ ] stated that, in his opinion, the entire incident was "a complete abdication of police responsibility".

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On January 11, 1979, [redacted]  
provided the following signed statement:

"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"January 11, 1979

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"I, [redacted] hereby make  
the following statement freely and  
voluntarily to Special Agents [redacted]

[redacted]  
who have identified themselves to me as  
Special Agents of the F.B.I.

"On October 13, 1978, I arrived at the  
Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company newspaper  
building located at 15 North Main Street,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., at approximately five  
o'clock p.m. The purpose of my visit  
to the building was to be present as the  
employees attempted to put out the first  
newspaper since an injunction was obtained  
against the striking employees earlier that  
day. Accompanying me were two fellow [redacted]

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[redacted]  
"At approximately 7:30 delivery trucks left  
the newspaper building en route to the post  
office, carrying the October 14, 1978 edition  
of the paper. At approximately ten o'clock p.m.  
[redacted] along with several  
other employees, got into a van and attempted to  
leave the building through an alley located  
next to Coughlin High School on Washington  
Street. Upon arriving at Washington Street,  
I observed approximately ten picketers who  
refused to grant us egress. One of the security  
guards with us, who was employed by the Wackenhut  
Security Company, radioed back to our command  
post located in the newspaper building and advised  
them of the situation and requested that the police  
be called. The command post responded that they

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"would attempt to do so. After approximately ten minutes the police had not arrived and the striking employees became menacing. Two of the group began to light what I consider to be a quarter stick of dynamite and threw it under the van. As the explosive went off, the van appeared to shake and a concussion was felt. I considered the explosion to be very loud. As it became apparent we were not going to be able to exit on Washington Street, we attempted to leave through the Main Street exit of the newspaper's parking lot. Located in front of the parking lot gate were approximately fifteen picketers and at least two Wilkes-Barre Policemen. As the security guard attempted to unlock this gate, in order to enable our van to exit, he was maced by one of the individuals on the picket line.

"A decision was made not to leave and the van was parked in the loading dock area. As we exited the van, I became aware that rocks were being thrown at the vehicle and were coming from the Martz Bus parking lot, adjacent to the publishing company's fenced parking lot.

"I entered the publishing company's building and shortly thereafter, [redacted] for Wackenhut Corporation, indicated that the authorities had been called. I have no knowledge of exactly who was called. As the evening progressed, rocks continued to be hurled at the building and the newspaper vehicles in the parking lot. Due to the rocks being thrown and the crowds boisterous and menacing attitude, [redacted] made the decision to pull in approximately 25 Wackenhut guards, some of whom had been stationed in the parking lot.

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"During the next several hours, [redacted] for Wackenhut, [redacted] traveled throughout the building in an attempt to obtain photographic evidence of the destruction which was taking place.

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"During this time I observed two individuals in the parking lot of the Martz Bus Company who I believe were police officers.

"The next thing I recall was an explosion on the right corner of the Washington Street parking lot gate. Sometime thereafter, I was advised that the strikers were in the compound and that the parking lot gate was gone. I proceeded to the parking lot with the photographer and observed individuals in the parking lot. I observed them throwing things at truck windows, lighting explosives on the fence, attempting to turn a newspaper van over and puncturing tires. This destruction last approximately 30 minutes. On at least two occasions I observed a Wilkes-Barre police car drive by the rear gate, which was down at the time. I estimate that the gate was broken at approximately midnight and the subsequent damage to newspaper vehicles occurred shortly thereafter.

"Sometime during this period, I was present at a conversation between Luzerne County Sheriff OLSHEVSKI, [redacted] and possibly [redacted]. [redacted] was requesting enforcement of the injunction. OLSHEVSKI responded that 'they were juiced up' and that there was little that could be done. I advised that if the situation was out of control, 'why don't you call the state police.' To this he replied, he could not and only the judge could call in the state police. I advised him that he was wrong and that the Sheriff's Office had the authority to call the state police. OLSHEVSKI left shortly thereafter and made a phone call, and then left the building, advising that he was going to get the Sheriff.

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"The sheriff and his chief deputy returned later and held a conversation with [ ] in the area of the front door of the building. I was present during portions of the conversation. [ ] as I recall, requested that the state police be called in. The sheriff left indicating that he was going to talk to other officials. A short while later, the sheriff returned and advised he was not calling the state police and the best thing to do was to get the newspaper employees out of the building. The sheriff advised that he would attempt to insure the safety of the people leaving the building. Shortly thereafter, one of the county deputies advised me that he had talked to the striking employees and they had agreed to allow the people to leave.

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"[ ] arranged for three vans to be utilized in getting the employees out of the building. At approximately four a.m. the first van left the area. Members of the sheriff's office and Wilkes-Barre Police Department formed a corridor for the employees to walk between the building and van. Approximately fifteen minutes later, the second van left. The third van did not ever leave with any employees. This was due to the fact that the first two vans, after leaving the newspaper building, had been unescorted by either the police or sheriff's department. These vans had, however, been followed by vehicles believed to be owned by striking employees. Those employees remaining in the building felt that it was safer to remain where they were rather than to risk the ride in an unescorted van.

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"During the course of the evening I made no calls personally to any law enforcement authorities requesting assistance. However, I am quite certain that [ ] made telephone calls to authorities requesting assistance.

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"I also believe that the dispatcher for the Wackenhut Corporation also made telephone calls to law enforcement authorities.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and eight (8) others finding it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 11, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 11, 1979."

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[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute. Following this, he was interviewed and furnished a signed statement which is as follows:

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"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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"I, [redacted], furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises or duress were used to get me to make this statement. I have been advised that it may be used in a court of law. I live at [redacted], and I can read and write the English language.

"On the evening of October 6, 1978, or morning of October 7, 1978, I made a telephone call to Wilkes-Barre Mayor WALTER LISMAN asking him to provide police protection for getting the individuals and vehicles in and out of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company as pickets were preventing this. The mayor's answer to this was that he had a problem with overtime of the police and the concern over the police budget. He did not say whether he would or would not provide the protection.

"On the evening of October 13, 1978, or morning of October 14, 1978, I received a telephone call at my home from [redacted] at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company telling me that the pickets were 'busting the place up.' I learned from [redacted] that they were breaking windows in

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"the building and on the trucks. I in turn telephoned Mayor LISMAN at his home and relayed this information to him and he asked me if I was at the plant and saw this. I told him no and the mayor's comment was that if I wasn't there, the whole thing was hearsay. I got no comment from him whether he would send help or not.

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one additional handwritten page. I have initialed each page and correction and now sign it because it is true and correct.

"/s/ [REDACTED]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 9, 1979  
/s/ [REDACTED] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 9, 1979."

The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:  
Home Address:  
Telephone:  
Occupation:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Wilkes-Barre Publishing  
Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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[ ] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute.

[ ] advised that he was involved in three separate incidents during the course of the strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. The first incident occurred on October 13, 1978, the second on October 15, 1978, and the third on October 25, 1978. [ ] further advised that on all three occasions he gave signed statements regarding each incident and each was sworn to before a Notary Republic. [ ] advised that he wished all three of these statements to be made a part of the record of the interview.

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The following is a transcription of [ ] interview on October 13, 1978:

"On Friday, October 13, 1978, between 9:30 and 10:30 [ ] office when I heard the back second floor window smash. I went to the back window to look out and saw approximately three or four picketers out by the loading dock area. There were also some kids and picketers in the adjacent parking lot. From time to time I went back to where the windows had been broken out and looked out to see picketers coming in to the lot where the trucks were parked, smashing windows on the trucks and running back out to Washington Street.

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"Finally, as we were going out of the plant premises we were harassed by the picketers and were not provided with a police escort as we had been promised earlier."

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[ ] advised that regarding the October 13, 1978, incident, that when the windows were being broken out, he knows that the Wilkes-Barre Police were called on two or three occasions. The police responded and their answer was that they had just passed by the area and they saw nothing wrong. [ ] advised further that he saw certain unknown people throwing rocks through the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company building windows and that the police wouldn't respond when called. [ ] further advised that on October 13, 1978, the sheriff's department arrived at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company for the purpose of helping the employees out of the building. [ ] stated, he had learned that the employees were supposed to get a police escort out of the city limits to the motel where they were staying, but there was no escort provided.

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The following is the transcript of a statement given by [ ] involving an incident on October 15, 1978:

"On Sunday, October 15, 1978, between 3:30 and 4:30 p.m., I was in a van following the two delivery trucks on our way to the post office. As we were going out the back gate, a man apparently approached the front truck and cut the gas line on it. We went about two blocks down Washington Street and our van moved from behind the two delivery trucks to a position in front of them. The first truck stopped. I got out of the van to check on the stopped truck and discovered that the fuel line below the driver's side door had been cleanly cut. At this time I noticed [ ] cross the street and stand for a while before approaching the stopped truck. He came over, asked what was wrong and flicked cigar ashes towards the gas tank. I then tried to detract him by talking to him. He pushed me over to the side of the street and asked me, 'How can you work for these cocksuckers?' I told him they pay me every week and that makes it easy to work and they haven't done anything to me. He said, 'What about me?' I asked, 'What do you mean?' He said, 'Well you're screwing me out of my job.' I told him he could drive if he wanted to, nobody was stopping him. He told me he wouldn't work for those cocksuckers and he couldn't see how I could. I told him that I have my job to do and asked him why he just didn't leave us alone.

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"[ ] then walked over to the van where [ ] was standing. [ ] got into the van, but [ ] looked in and could see him. [ ] said to [ ], 'You had your chance, why are you working for these people, I thought you weren't gonna work for them.' [ ] said the union hadn't done anything for him for five years. [ ] tried to pick a fight with [ ]. [ ] said that they were gonna get [ ], that he was gonna get [ ]. I closed the van door and [ ] walked away. As [ ] walked away he pushed [ ] as he tried to take his picture. He then started to chase [ ]. [ ] got up on the truck to take pictures. Fireworks were thrown at [ ] by the [ ]. [ ] threw a cigar at [ ]. [ ] climbed into the passenger side of the stopped truck and the driver forced him out partially. Finally we got going again, had a problem with the emergency brake on one truck and got to the post office. There were some pickets outside the gate of the post office calling us scabs and so forth. [ ] tried to take a picture of them, but a man on the dock told him he couldn't take a picture on federal property without permission."

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[ ] advised that regarding the October 15, 1978, incident that a [ ] of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department responded to Saint Mary's Church on South Washington Avenue near the new post office because he had been advised that there was going to be trouble. When [ ] arrived and saw that the picketers were in the area, he called for more help from the police station and in approximately six or seven minutes, more police from the Wilkes-Barre Police Department arrived. [ ] advised that it took [ ] approximately six or seven minutes to arrive after the police department had received a call from the newspaper that the van near the post office needed help.

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The following is a transcript of an incident that occurred on October 25, 1978, involving [ ]:

"On Wednesday, October 25, 1978, at approximately 6:00 a.m., I arrived at work with a group of employees. Our van and a second van behind us arrived at the front entrance to the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader building. As we got out of the van there were approximately fifteen picketers at the front door. They began to yell obscenities at us. I saw [ ] a striking employee, push a guard out of his way and [ ] then kicked [ ], a non-striking employee who had gotten out of the van with us, in the shin.

"As I walked toward the front door of the building, [ ] kicked me in the backside. I stopped and turned around to identify [ ]. Then I was pushed inside the door.

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"Once inside the door I turned around to look outside toward the street. I saw [ ] bodily grab [ ] from behind. [ ] was beating [ ] with his fists. I went to the window to look outside and saw [ ] on top of [ ]. He had wrestled [ ] to the ground and was beating him with his fists. [ ] was also on top of [ ] was also beating [ ] with his fists. Then a crowd of pickets surrounded [ ] on the ground and the group continued to beat up [ ]. Some security guards went out the front door and brought [ ] back onto the building. In order to bring [ ] into the building, the guards had to fight off attacking picketers. City police were sitting in their car across the street watching this entire incident. After the violence ended, the police then came across the street and dispersed the pickets.

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"I have read the foregoing affidavit consisting of two handwritten pages and it is true and correct.

"/s/ [ ]  
"October 28, 1978

"WITNESS: /s/ [ ]"

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Regarding the October 25, 1978, incident, [ ] advised that his sworn affidavit to this matter is true and correct except that in the affidavit he refers to an individual named [ ]. [ ] advised that this is incorrect and the name should be [ ] each time that the name [ ] appears. [ ] advised that he could not identify the police officers who were sitting across the street in the police car during the time that [ ] was being beaten. [ ] also advised that when the police finally responded, he didn't know for sure whether the two officers who had been sitting across the street were the ones who actually came in and took the police report after [ ] beating.

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The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

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Home Address:  
  
Telephone:  
Occupation:

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Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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[redacted]  
[redacted], furnished the following signed statement:

"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"January 16, 1979

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"I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to [redacted]  
[redacted]

who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Special Agent [redacted] advised me that the purpose of the interview was to discuss several incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company which occurred during a strike at the company. I was furnished an Interrogation; Advice of Rights Form, which I read, understood, and signed.

"During the month of October, 1978, union employees of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company went on strike. As a result of this strike, numerous incidents occurred basically as a result of confrontations between security guards of the publishing company and striking union employees. On October 9, 1978, a rather serious confrontation took place at the publishing company. After careful analysis of the situation I issued an emergency order which placed the Wilkes-Barre Police Department on two, twelve hour shifts. This order was issued in order to maintain peace and order at the publishing company.

"On October 13, 1978, Luzerne County Court Judge PODCASY issued a court order regarding the strike, which was to be enforced by the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office. As a result of the court order, I rescinded my emergency order and the Wilkes-Barre Police Department went back to

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"their normal shifts. It was my understanding that the Sheriff's Office would enforce the court order and that the police department would assist if called upon to do so by the Sheriff. The police would however continue to carry out their normal duties in enforcing the law in the City of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"Prior to my cancelling of the emergency order, I contacted the Deputy Commander of the Pennsylvania State Police to determine what their position would be if called upon to assist. I was advised that according to a ruling handed down by the Attorney General for the State of Pennsylvania that the State Police could not intervene in strike situations unless the police department having jurisdiction in the area had determined the situation was out of control. At that point the State Police would intervene only if the Sheriff's Department contacted the Governor and requested assistance.

"During the course of the strike and prior to the strike, I met with representatives of the publishing company, the striking employees, and the Wilkes-Barre Police Department. These discussions dealt with maintaining peace and order in the City and how this might be accomplished.

"My policy during the strike was to keep the City of Wilkes-Barre neutral. I gave no special orders to the police department with regards to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing. I have no knowledge of any police officer failing to perform his duty during the strike.

"I have no knowledge of any incidents in which the police were involved on October 15, 1978 and on October 26, 1978. I became aware that the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company sustained severe property damage on approximately October 13, 1978. On that evening, I received numerous phone calls

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"from many individuals but do not recall the details of these conversations. I believe that the Wilkes-Barre Police Department's handling of the strike was satisfactory and any actions taken by my office were done to ensure peace and order in the City of Wilkes-Barre.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and four others, finding it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.

"/s/ WALTER W. LISMAN, Mayor

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 16, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 16, 1979."

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On January 10, 1979, FRANK J. JAGODINSKI, Sheriff of Luzerne County, provided the following signed statement:

"January 10, 1979  
"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"I, FRANK J. JAGODINSKI, Sheriff of Luzerne County, hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents

[redacted],  
who have identified themselves to me as agents of the F.B.I. Special Agent [redacted] advised me that the purpose of the interview was to discuss an injunction handed down by Luzerne County Judge BERNARD J. PODCASY on October 13, 1978, and the enforcement of this court order. I was furnished an 'Interrogation; Advice of Rights' form, Form FD-395, which I read, understood and signed.

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"On October 13, 1978, Luzerne County Judge BERNARD J. PODCASY issued a court order which resulted in my office assuming responsibility in the enforcement of the order. Following the issuance of this order I met with Mayor WALTER LISMAN, Chief of Police JOHN RUDDICK, [redacted] and [redacted] Capital Cities, Inc., [redacted] the union, JOHN J. WALLACE, President of local 120, and other union members on an individual basis. During these meetings the terms of the injunction were explained and all agreed to abide by the court order.

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"As I recall, in my discussions with Mayor LISMAN, and the Chief of Police, they both agreed to assist my department in the enforcement of the order if so requested. No specific discussions were held regarding each departments', the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, and the Sheriff's Office, enforcement responsibilities. It was my belief, however, that my department was to enforce the various aspects of the court order and the Wilkes-Barre Police Department was to continue in their normal responsibilities.

"No deputies from my department were initially assigned to the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company's building where union members were picketing. Deputy Chief WALTER OLSHEFSKI, however, was assigned to handle any problems which might arise.

"On the evening of October 13, 1978, at approximately six o'clock p.m., OLSHEFSKI apparently received a telephone call from a representative of the publishing company, advising that there were problems at the newspaper. He responded by calling several deputies and proceeded to the scene at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"Sometime after 11 p.m., I was contacted at my home, after returning from a dinner party by OLSHEFSKI. He advised 'There is trouble down here, you better come down.' I arrived at the scene at approximately twelve midnight and conferred with my Chief Deputy. He indicated that there was trouble in the back of the building. He explained that windows in the building had been broken, tires on newspaper trucks had been slashed, and their windows smashed also. I drove in my personal car to Washington Street and observed this damage. I had no information as to the identity of the individuals responsible for the damage. I talked to several union picketers at the scene with no positive results.

"At no time did I ever talk to any police regarding this incident or request their assistance in looking into this matter. No further investigation was conducted by my department into this incident.

"Shortly after examining the damage, I met with [ ] of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department in his police cruiser. I do not recall any specifics of this conversation but believed he offered his department's assistance. I replied that I would call him if I felt my department required any further assistance.

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"At approximately 2:00 a.m., I believe [ ] asked if my department would assist in helping newspaper employees safely out of the building. I indicated that we would attempt to insure their safe exodus, however, we could not provide 'taxi service.' Contact was made with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department to advise them to be on the alert as newspaper employees were going to be exiting the building. At approximately 3:30 a.m., the employees did in fact leave the building, without incident, and with the police at the scene. At approximately 5:00 a.m., all representatives of my office left the scene.

"At no time on October 13 or the morning of October 14, 1978, did anyone ever ask me to call other law enforcement agencies to assist in the enforcement of the injunction nor was I ever informed that the Wilkes-Barre Police Department was not responding to calls for assistance from the newspaper employees. My only contact with any newspaper representative on that evening was with [ ] [ ] merely requested that I assist the newspaper employees in exiting the building.

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"At some later date, I recall that [redacted] did in fact request that I call in the Pennsylvania State Police to assist in the enforcement of the court order. However, I did not feel that the situation warranted this action and I declined to contact the Pennsylvania State Police.

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"The court order remains in affect and my department is continuing its enforcement responsibilities.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of this page and five others, finding it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections. No threat, force or promises of benefit was made to me to get me to make this statement. It is given freely and voluntarily.

"/s/ FRANK J. JAGODINSKI  
"January 10, 1979

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted], Special Agent,  
FBI, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., January 10, 1979  
/s/ [redacted], Special Agent,  
FBI, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., January 10, 1979."

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On January 15, 1979, [redacted]  
Deputy Sheriff of Luzerne County, Pa., furnished the  
following signed statement:

"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"January 15, 1979

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"I, [redacted] Deputy Sheriff of  
Luzerne County, Pa., hereby make the following  
statement freely and voluntarily to Special  
Agents [redacted]

[redacted] who have identified themselves to me  
as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
Special Agent [redacted] advised me that the  
purpose of the interview was to discuss an  
injunction handed down by Luzerne County Judge  
BERNARD J. PODCASY on October 13, 1978, regarding  
a strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company,  
15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and the  
enforcement of this court order. I was furnished  
an 'Interrogation; Advice of Rights' form, which  
I read, understood and signed.

"On October 13, 1978, Luzerne County Judge  
PODCASY issued a court order which resulted  
in the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office assuming  
responsibility for enforcement of this order.  
Following the issuance of this order, Luzerne  
County Sheriff FRANK JAGODINSKI and myself met  
with representatives of the Wilkes-Barre Police  
Department, the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
and the various unions involved in the strike  
to discuss the court order. These meetings were  
held in the sheriff's office and all agreed to  
abide by the court order.

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"I have no knowledge regarding any specific discussions which were held between the sheriff's department and the Wilkes-Barre Police Department which outlined the various duties of each department. However, it was my understanding that the sheriff's office would enforce all aspects of the court order and the police department would continue in their normal responsibilities of enforcing the law. Should the sheriff's department require assistance in the enforcement of the injunction, the sheriff's office would then call the Wilkes-Barre Police and make a formal request.

"On the evening of October 13, 1978, no deputies were assigned to the publishing company building, however, all were on call. At approximately six p.m. I was contacted by telephone at Perugino's Restaurant by [redacted], who was with the Wackenhut Corporation. He basically stated that he was either anticipating problems or was currently having problems with regards to the strike at the publishing company and requested my presence at the building. I immediately contacted all the deputies on standby and all arrived at the publishing company sometime during the evening.

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"Upon arriving at the scene I spoke with [redacted] who advised that the newspaper was going to make deliveries that evening and requested that the sheriff's office insure the safety of the trucks. I would estimate that there were eight pickets in the front of the building and no more than six in the back, When I first arrived at the building. At approximately 6:45 p.m. In addition there were large numbers of individuals located across the street from the front door of the publishing company on North Main Street, as well as across the street from the rear parking lot on North Washington Street.

"Later that evening the company's delivery trucks exited without any real difficulties. Following the trucks' departure, I held a conversation with [redacted] in the publishing company building

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"in the presence of [ ] and several other publishing company employees. [ ] requested that the Pennsylvania State Police should be called in. It was my opinion that the situation was stable and could easily be handled by the sheriff's office and Wilkes-Barre Police Department. I advised [ ] that I did not have the authority to call in the state police and that only the sheriff could do so.

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"I then called Sheriff JAGODINSKI and requested that he come to the scene. The sheriff arrived sometime after midnight and held a discussion with [ ]. I am unaware of what was discussed during this meeting. The sheriff also later on, held a conversation with [ ] of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and I believe they discussed the evacuation of the publishing company employees from the building.

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"Sometime after the sheriff's arrival I was advised that there had been damage done in the rear of the building. I proceeded to the scene with the sheriff and observed the parking lot gate on the ground, a truck with its windshield smashed, and its tires flat, rocks on the ground, and several iron rods alsonon the ground.

"At the time of the sheriff's arrival, I believe we had a total of ten deputies on the scene. I stationed the deputies in the front of the building and the rear also. These men would then make periodic sweeps around the building grounds. During the evening, it was raining heavily and the deputies would be seeking shelter a great deal of the time. I did not witness any acts of vandalism that evening and none was reported to me by any deputy. I talked to several individuals in the area of the rear gate with negative results. It is my belief that any further investigation into the vandalism would be the responsibility of the police department.

"Later in the evening the sheriff's office assisted in the evacuation of the publishing company employees along with the police department. This evacuation was without incident.

"I was given no special instructions with regard to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company and carried out my duties as a Chief Deputy with the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office. I have no knowledge of any incidents in which the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office failed to perform its duty with regards to the strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and six others, finding it to be true and correct, I have initialled each page and all corrections. No threat, force or promises of benefit was made to get me to make this statement; it is given freely and voluntarily.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 15, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 15, 1979."

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[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute. Special Agent (SA) [redacted] advised him of his rights, prior to any questioning, and he waived these rights as shown on an executed "Warning and Waiver" form. Following this, he was interviewed and furnished a signed statement which is as follows:

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"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"January 10, 1979

"I, [redacted], furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises or duress were used to get me to make this statement. I have been advised that it may be used in a court of law.

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"I am employed as a Deputy Sheriff for Luzerne County. On October 13, 1978, I was present in court when the injunction was put into effect by Judge PODCASY limiting union activities at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. After the injunction was in effect, Sheriff JAGDINSKI called his deputies together on October 13, 1978, and explained about the injunction. Told all his deputies to be available for duty later in evening. He also told deputies that if a crime was committed in their presence, arrests were to be made.

"I recalled that [redacted] and I were eating dinner at Perugino's Restaurant on South Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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"He received a telephone call from his wife to call a newspaper attorney which he did. The lawyer told him there was trouble and requested the sheriff's department to respond. The other deputies were contacted by telephone to respond to the strike locations. At this time the sheriff was not called because he had another engagement.

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"After notifying the other deputies, [redacted] and I responded to the strike location. Upon arriving at the location, I observed a few city policemen standing in the vicinity of the newspaper building and a large crowd across the street from the building. I did not observe any acts of violence or damage to property.

"The deputies were dispersed in both front and back of the building. Also we had a mobile patrol that went around the block.

"I recalled arriving around 6-6:30 p.m. and stayed on duty at the strike location until about 5:00 a.m. on October 14, 1978.

"I worked two other days at the strike location for security reasons and did not see any acts of violence or property destruction.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and two additional handwritten pages. I have initialed each page and correction and now sign it because it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 10, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 10, 1979."

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The following descriptive data was obtained  
from observation and interview:

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Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Home Telephone:

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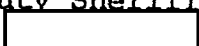
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Deputy Sheriff, Luzerne County, Pa.,  
for 

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[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute. Special Agent (SA) [redacted] advised him of his rights, prior to any questioning, and he waived these rights as shown on an executed "Warning and Waiver" form. Following this, he was interviewed and furnished a signed statement which is as follows:

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"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
"January 10, 1979

"I, [redacted], furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). No threats, promises or duress were used to get me to make this statement. I have been advised that it may be used in a court of law.

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"I am employed as a Deputy Sheriff for Luzerne County, Pa. On October 13, 1978, I was present in the courtroom of Judge PODCASY where he issued an injunction against the striking unions at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. Following the injunction I met with Sheriff JAGODINSKI and [redacted] where the injunction was discussed. I was told to be available for strike duty if needed. I was not aware of any meeting with other deputies as I am an outside deputy and on the road.

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"On October 13, 1978, [redacted] had received a telephone call from the [redacted] instructing me to go to the strike location. I arrived

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SAs [redacted]  
by [redacted] JFS:dmt Date dictated 1/11/79

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"approximately 10:00 p.m. Upon arriving at the location, I observed several Wilkes-Barre policemen standing in the vicinity of the newspaper building, several pickets walking on Main Street and a group of observers across the street from the building. I never saw any acts of violence or damage to property. I did hear shouting from guards to the strikers on the street.

"I recalled being called out one other time on election night to the strike location. Upon arriving there, I observed no problems by strikers or company officials.

"Also on the thirteenth the deputies and police formed two lines on the entrance so that the employees could exit the building and get into vans for transportation home. A truck delivering newspapers to the post office was also escorted off the property in the same manner.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one additional handwritten page. I have initialed each page and correction and now sign it because it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,  
Scranton, Pa., January 10, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 10, 1979."

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The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:  
Home Address:  
  
Date of Birth:  
Place of Birth:

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Luzerne County Deputy Sheriff  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/16/79

On January 15, 1979, JOHN RUDOLPH SWIM, Chief of Police, Wilkes-Barre Police Department, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., furnished the following signed statement:

"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
"January 15, 1979

"I, JOHN RUDOLPH SWIM, hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [redacted]

[redacted] who have identified themselves to me as agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Special Agent [redacted] advised me that the purpose of the interview was to discuss the Wilkes-Barre Police Department's role in several incidents which took place in October of 1978 regarding a strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. I was furnished an 'Interrogation: Advice of Rights' form which I read, understood and signed.

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"On approximately October 29, 1978, I was appointed Chief of Police of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department. Prior to my appointment, I held the rank of Captain in Charge of Special Services. I have been with the department for 18 years.

"On October 13, 1978, I worked from seven a.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m. performing my duties as Captain of Special Services. I returned to work on Monday, October 16, 1978. Due to the fact that I did not work during the weekend of October 14-15, 1978, on the evening of October 13, 1978, I have no personal knowledge of any incidents which took place during that time period.

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"As the Chief of Police, I have reviewed the records of my department with regards to several incidents which occurred on October 13-15, 1978.

"On October 13, 1978, I could locate no record to indicate that the police department received a complaint regarding any incident at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company located at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. A report was filed by Patrolmen [redacted] and [redacted] indicating that they had at three a.m. on October 14, 1978, discovered some physical damage to property belonging to the publishing company, however, had not witnessed any acts of vandalism.

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"On October 15, 1978, the department's records indicate that apparently several individuals were assaulted at the Master Host Motel in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. It is my opinion that the officer acted in the proper manner based on the facts at the time.

"With regards to the two incidents which occurred on October 15, 1978, there was no written policy regarding a police officer making an arrest. It was the practice of the department that if a police officer was witness to a crime or had enough probable cause to believe that a crime had occurred, he was to pursue the arrest. If the facts made it unclear that they had sufficient evidence to convict for a crime, then the participants were advised to file a complaint personally before a local magistrate.

"On October 25, 1978, numerous individuals were apparently assaulted at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. The department's records indicate that police officers were dispatched immediately to the scene and a thorough investigation was conducted.

"As a result of this investigation, I filed eleven criminal complaints before Magistrate JOHN BEDNARZ on November 1, 1978, charging [redacted] with nine counts of simple assault, Pennsylvania Criminal Code Section 2701 and one count of aggravated assault, Pennsylvania Criminal Code Section 2702. In addition [redacted] was charged with one count of simple assault for violation of Pennsylvania Criminal Code Section 2701. Magistrate BEDNARZ at this time has the cases under advisement.

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"Prior to my appointment to Chief, I was given no special instructions with regards to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. As Chief of Police, I have given no special instructions with regards to the strike at the publishing company. I have carried out my duties as a police officer and I have no knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre Police Officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and four others, finding it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections. No threats, force or promises of benefit was made to get me to make this statement. It is given freely and voluntarily.

"/s/ JOHN RUDOLPH SWIM

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted], Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 15, 1979  
/s/ [redacted], Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 15, 1979."

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[redacted] Wilkes-Barre, Pa., furnished the following signed statement:

"January 15, 1979  
"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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"I, [redacted] Wilkes-Barre, Pa., furnish the following free and voluntary statement to Special Agents [redacted], both of whom have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I.

"I am a [redacted] on the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and have been a police officer for [redacted].

"I was working the 3-11 p.m. shift on October 13, 1978, and would have gone off duty at 10:30 p.m. As the watch commander I assigned two beat officers in the vicinity of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, in view of prior problems there, and instructed them to perform a regular tour of duty being available if needed.

"I also instructed my patrol vehicles to patrol throughout the city but to also make periodic passes around the publishing company.

"As I recall, there were no unusual incidents reported to me by either the beat officers or the patrol vehicles with regard to the publishing company and recall receiving no assignments at the company from the dispatcher.

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"I recall making routine passes around the publishing company during my shift, exact times I do not recall, and recall observing two-three pickets and several spectators on each of these. I also recall speaking to several deputy sheriffs from the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office and felt they were around the company in view of the court order signed October 13, 1978, to standby in case of any disorders. On no occasion did anyone, including the deputy sheriffs, ask me, or my men, for assistance at the publishing company during my tour of duty and I know of no specific incidents occurring during this period of time.

"I also was given no specific instructions with regard to the handling of incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre police officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and two others and it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted], Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 16, 1979  
/s/ [redacted], Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 16, 1979."

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[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following attached  
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[REDACTED]

January 8, 1979  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

I, [REDACTED], hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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I am currently [REDACTED] with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and have been so employed for the last [REDACTED]. I was the [REDACTED] on the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. work shift on October 13-14, 1978. I recall that October 13, 1978, was the day a Luzerne County Court Order was issued regarding the strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company located at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. I believe the court gave the responsibility of enforcing this order to the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department. As a result of this court order, the entire Wilkes-Barre Police Department was relieved from twelve hour work shifts which had been instituted earlier in the week in an effort to insure that peace and order was maintained at the publishing company.

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At the beginning of my shift on the evening of October 13, 1978, I instructed Patrolmen [REDACTED]

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to make periodic checks while they were patrolling in their police cruiser at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company due to past incidents which had occurred on the premise.

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I also made routine checks of the area accompanied by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

At approximately 2:00 a.m. on the morning of October 14, 1978, I observed Luzerne County Sheriff FRANK JAGODINSKI in front of the publishing company building. Shortly thereafter I had a brief conversation with the sheriff in my police cruiser at which time I advised him that should his deputies require any assistance whatsoever, to please call. Sheriff JAGODINSKI indicated that he saw no problem at the present time and that if his department needed assistance, he would indeed call.

At approximately 3:00 a.m. that morning Patrolman [REDACTED] radioed that the rear gate of the publishing company's parking lot, located on Washington Street, was down and that several vehicles had been heavily damaged. I proceeded to the scene and observed the gate down and indicated that a report should be made of the incident. As I passed by the scene, I do not recall observing any individuals in the area. I did not witness any acts of vandalism nor do I have any knowledge that any complaints or calls for assistance were ever received either from the publishing company or the sheriff's office during my shift that day.

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At approximately 3:21 a.m. on the morning of October 14, 1978, the sheriff's office did call and request assistance in insuring the safety of the newspaper employees who were going to leave the publishing company in private vans. I called several of the men on the shift to the publishing company building and the employees later exited the building without incident.

I was given no specific instructions with regard to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company other than the fact that any incidents were to be reported to the Chief of Police. It is my belief that I carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre police officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

*I have read the above statement  
consisting of this & two other pages & find  
it to be true & correct.*

*I have initialed each page & all  
corrections.*

SA. FBI Scranton, Pa 1/16/79

Sgt. RFP, Scranton, Pa 1/16/79

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[REDACTED]

January 8, 1979  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

I, [REDACTED], hereby make the following  
statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], who have  
identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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I am currently a [REDACTED] with the Wilkes-  
Barre Police Department. I was working the 11:00 p.m. to  
7:00 a.m. shift on October 13-14, 1978. I recall that  
October 13, 1978, was the day a Luzerne County Court Order  
was issued regarding a strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing  
Company located at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
I believe the court order gave the responsibility of  
enforcing this order to the Luzerne County Sheriff's  
Department. As a result of this court order, the entire  
Wilkes-Barre Police Department was relieved from twelve hour  
work shifts which had been instituted earlier in the week in  
an effort to insure that peace and order was maintained  
at the publishing company. At the beginning of the shift  
[REDACTED] instructed Patrolmen  
[REDACTED] to make periodic checks of the Wilkes-

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Barre Publishing Company due to past incidents which had occurred at the premise. I also made routine checks of the area accompanied by [REDACTED].

At approximately 2:00 a.m., on the morning of October 14, 1978, Luzerne County Sheriff FRANK JAGODINSKI was observed in front of the publishing building. Shortly thereafter [REDACTED] and the Sheriff held a brief conversation in the police cruiser at which time [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that should the Luzerne County Sheriff Deputies require any assistance whatsoever at any time, to please call. Sheriff JAGODINSKI indicated that at the present time he did not foresee any difficulties and that if he did need assistance, he would indeed call.

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At approximately 3:00 a.m. on the morning of October 14, 1978, Patrolman [REDACTED] radioed that the rear gate of the publishing company parking lot located on Washington Street was down and that several vehicles had been heavily damaged. [REDACTED] and myself proceeded to the scene and examined the damage and had Patrolman [REDACTED] write up a report. I do not recall any pickets or representatives of the Sheriff's Department at the Washington Street gate at the time this incident was reported nor did I witness any acts of vandalism or receive any complaints or calls for assistance either from the publishing company or the sheriff's office.

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[redacted]

At approximately 3:21 a.m., the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office did request assistance in insuring the safety of newspaper employees as they left the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company building in private vans. [redacted]

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[redacted] had several of the men on the shift proceed to the publishing company and the employees exited without incident.

I was given no special instructions with regard to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre police officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

*1. I read the above statement consisting of the page and two other pages it to be true and correct. I have indicated each page and all corrections.*

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SA, FBI, Scranton, Pa, 1/16/77*

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Date of transcription 1/17/79

[redacted]  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., furnished the following signed statement:

"January 10, 1979

"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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"I, [redacted]  
[redacted] furnish the following free  
and voluntary statement to [redacted]  
and [redacted], who have identified  
themselves to me as Special Agents of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

"I am a patrolman on the Wilkes-Barre Police  
Department, having been so employed for the past  
five years, and worked the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.  
shift on October 13-14, 1978.

"I recall this day, October 13, 1978, as being  
the day a Luzerne County Court Order was issued  
by the County Judge placing responsibility  
for the patrolling of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing  
Company, on the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department.  
I further recall we were relieved from our 12 hour  
work shifts and returned to our regular patrol  
duties, mine being the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.  
shift.

"I recall [redacted] assigning me to car  
number four with Patrolman [redacted] and instructing  
us to make periodic patrols around the publishing  
company premises as well as performing any  
assignments given us by the dispatcher.

"During the evening we patrolled the area and  
observed several pickets acting in an orderly  
manner. At approximately 2:00 a.m., October 14,  
1978, we met with [redacted], who was  
speaking with Sheriff JAGODINSKI, and recall the  
Sheriff state there appeared to be no problems

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SAs [redacted]

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by [redacted] RDA:mem

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"and he didn't require any assistance at that time.

"I recall we were on Washington Street at approximately 3:00 a.m., and observed the main gate had been smashed down and extensive damage done to trucks parked in the compound. I reported this to the station dispatcher and then observed only two pickets on the walk and no one inside the compound.

"I recall our next assignment was to assist the Sheriff's Department at the front door of the publishing company, at approximately 3:20 a.m., while 35 employees left the building in three vans which were driven by Wackenhut employees.

"I was given no special instructions with regard to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre Police Officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and two other pages and find it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 10, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 10, 1979."



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[redacted]  
[redacted], furnished the following signed statement:

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"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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"I, [redacted]  
[redacted] furnish the following free and  
voluntary statement to [redacted]  
and [redacted] both of whom have  
identified themselves to me as Special Agents  
of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

"I am a patrolman on the Wilkes-Barre Police  
Department and have been so employed for the  
past [redacted]. On October 13, 1978, I  
worked the 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. shift in  
car number four, with patrolman [redacted].

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"I recall our instructions upon going on  
duty were to perform a regular tour of duty  
but to remain in the area of the Wilkes-Barre  
Publishing Company in case a problem were to  
arise. I also recall [redacted] tell  
us that in view of the court order of October  
13, 1978, the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office  
was responsible for maintaining order at the  
publishing company, but that we should respond,  
if called, and act as a back-up to them.

"I recall our patrol was quiet and our first  
call to the publishing company was at approx-  
imately 1:30 a.m., October 14, 1978, when  
[redacted] told us to come to the  
publishing company. Upon arrival he told us  
that our department was to assist the Sheriff's  
Office in removing employees from the building  
and until ready to do this we should assume  
a position on the corner of Washington and  
Union Streets, north of the publishing company

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"by Coughlin High School, which is about one-half block from the rear gate.

"I believe another patrol car was parked in front of us and believe it was car number two or five.

"I recall we remained in that position for approximately 30 minutes when, since everything was quiet, we called the dispatcher and asked if we could resume regular patrol. I do not recall if the other car was still parked in front of us or not at this time.

"The dispatcher told us to resume regular patrol and we proceeded south on North Washington Street past the rear of the publishing company. I recall, as we approached the rear gate we observed the gate open or down and saw several trucks with broken windshields. I also recall we saw a passenger car in the middle of the parking lot also with a broken windshield. I saw no pickets, or anyone on foot, and immediately called the dispatcher informing him of our observations. Following this, we continued on patrol until approximately 3:00 a.m., October 14, 1978, when we were told to report to the front of the building and meet with [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] then told us we were to assist the Luzerne County Sheriff's Deputies in allowing employees to leave the publishing company and that this should take place around 3:30 a.m.

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"I recall we formed a line and approximately ten to fifteen employees left the building and entered vans. I recall no one saying the vans would be escorted to their motel and to my knowledge no Wilkes-Barre Police Cars acted as escorts for the vans.

"I do not ever recall observing on the station bulletin board any type of message which read 'Do yourself a favor - arrest a Wackenhut', and on the contrary do recall seeing a message, or being told by the watch commander, to do our jobs and to make arrests if a crime occurred in our presence.

"I also do not recall being given any special instructions with regard to the handling of any incident at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre Police Officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and three others finding it to be true and correct, I have initialed each page and all corrections and now sign it because it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted], Special Agent  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 16, 1979  
/s/ [redacted], Special Agent  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 16, 1979"

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[redacted]  
[redacted], furnished the following attached  
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January 10, 1979  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

I, [ ] hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [ ]  
[ ], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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I am currently a Patrolman with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and have been so employed for the past twelve years. I worked a 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. work shift on October 13-14, 1978. I recall that October 13, 1978, was the day a Luzerne County Court Order was issued regarding a strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, located at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. I believe the court gave the responsibility of enforcing this order to the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department. As a result of this court order, the entire Wilkes-Barre Police Department was relieved from twelve hour work shifts which had been instituted earlier in the week in an effort to insure that peace and order was maintained at the publishing company.

During the course of the work shift, [ ]

[ ] and myself were in the area of the Wilkes-Barre

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Publishing Company Building, in a Wilkes-Barre Police cruiser. At no time did I ever witness any acts of vandalism against the publishing company or its employees, nor was I aware of any calls for assistance from either representatives of the publishing company or the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office.

At approximately 3:30 a.m., the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office did apparently request the Wilkes-Barre Police Department's assistance in insuring the safety of newspaper employees who were leaving the building in private vans. My partner and I assisted in this task and the newspaper employees exited without incident.

On the evening of October 13-14, 1978, I was unaware that any major acts of vandalism had occurred at the publishing company. I was given no special instructions with regards to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incidents in which a Wilkes-Barre Police Officer failed to perform his duty, or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

I have read this statement consisting of this page and one other finding it to be true & correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.

H. Rowland, Pa, 1-16-79

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[redacted]  
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SAs [redacted] and  
by [redacted] PH: dmt Date dictated 1/17/79

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January 10, 1979  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

[ ] I, [ ], hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [ ]  
[ ], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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I am a [ ] for the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and have been so employed since February, 1977. I worked the 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. work shift on October 13, 1978. I recall that October 13, 1978, was the day a Luzerne County Court Order was issued regarding a strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company located at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. I believe the court order gave the responsibility of enforcing this order to the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department. As a result of this court order, the entire Wilkes-Barre Police Department was relieved from twelve hour work shifts which had been instituted earlier in the week in an effort to insure that peace and order was maintained at the publishing company. Also working with me on the work shift was [ ]. During my [ ]

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[redacted] shirt, I did not receive any calls for assistance from either a representative of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company or any police official. Had I received such a call, I would have filled out an "IRC" card, which would have recorded the information. [redacted] police officers to the scene, had a crime been reported to me. On the evening of October 13, 1978, I possibly did discuss with someone who may have represented the newspaper, that the primary responsibility for enforcing the court order at the publishing company was the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department. At no time did I ever decline to respond to any call for assistance at the publishing company when a crime was reported. During the course of the strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, [redacted] telephone calls reporting incidents at the publishing company and, in most instances, police officers were dispatched to the scene, if the facts warranted such action. I was given no special instructions with regard to the handling of any incident at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, and carried out my duties as a [redacted]. I have no knowledge of any incidents in which a Wilkes-Barre Police Officer or [redacted] failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at [redacted]

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January 10, 1979  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

[redacted] I, [redacted] hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents, [redacted]  
[redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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I am a Patrolman with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and have been so employed for the past [redacted]  
[redacted]. I worked a [redacted]  
on [redacted]. I recall October 13, 1978, as being the day a Luzerne County Court Order was issued regarding a strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, located at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. I believe the court order gave the responsibility of enforcing this order to the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department. As a result of this court order, the entire Wilkes-Barre Police Department was relieved from twelve hour work shifts which had been instituted earlier in the week in an effort to insure that peace and order was maintained at the publishing company.

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On the evening of October 13, 1978, I worked [redacted]

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[redacted] with my partner, Patrolman [redacted] in a Wilkes-Barre police cruiser. During the course of my rounds, I was in the vicinity of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company on several occasions and at no time did I ever observe any acts of vandalism nor was I ever aware that any complaints or calls of assistance were ever received from either the publishing company or the Sheriff's Office, who was on the scene at the paper that evening. At approximately 3:30 a.m., my partner and I were advised to assist in assuring the safety of the newspaper employees as they exited the building into private vans. This task was carried out without incident.

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I was given no special instructions with regards to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incidents in which a Wilkes-Barre Police Officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. [redacted]

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*I have read this statement consisting of this page and one other, finding it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.*

[redacted]  
[redacted]  
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III. ARREST OF , 10/15/78

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/12/79

[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following signed statement:

"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"January 4, 1979

"I, [redacted] hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I.

✓ "On Sunday, October 15, 1978, while employed as a [redacted] for Wackenhut, Inc., I was driving a van load of employees of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper from the newspaper building in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to the Treadway Inn in Plains, Pa. [redacted]

I left the newspaper building parking lot at approximately 5:00 p.m. and as I did so, observed two vehicles follow me out from an adjacent parking lot. I recognized one of the passengers in one of the vehicles as [redacted] [redacted] who had caused trouble for the paper in the past. As I drove toward the Inn, another vehicle joined the other two. As we continued driving, these three vehicles attempted to stop the van by boxing me in between them and by trying to force me off the side of the road. I began to take evasive action by turning up side streets. As I was taking these actions, one of the vehicles rammed the right rear of my van, went out of control and rammed a cement pole head on. I continued on to the Treadway Inn as I felt the passengers' safety was in jeopardy.

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SAs [redacted] and  
by [redacted] PH: dmt Date dictated 1/10/79

"Upon arriving at the Treadway Inn, I dis-  
charged my passengers and had [redacted]  
call the Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

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"Shortly thereafter, two Wilkes-Barre police officers, one man and one woman, arrived. One of them asked if I was the driver and when I replied 'yes,' they immediately searched me and [redacted] and placed handcuffs on both of us. The male officer stated, 'You guys just never learn.' They took us out of the motel and placed us in a police van where we sat for ten-fifteen minutes. I observed the policemen talking to the occupants of one of the vehicles that had been following us in the Treadway Inn parking lot. The police officers came back to the van, read me my rights and took me to the police station. We were advised that we were being charged with leaving the scene of an accident, hit and run and for making a false statement. This false statement charge was based on the fact that I had told them I was driving the van and their witnesses indicated that [redacted] had been driving. The female officer who I believe was named [redacted] began filling out an accident report. As she did so, an older [redacted] police officer came in and advised her that he had seen the van leave the newspaper building and that he recognized me as the driver. Consequently, [redacted] began filling out another accident report. During my interview with her, she was very antagonistic, accusing me of lying and stating that she had witnesses which contradicted my statements. During this interview I observed a sign written on yellow legal paper which stated, 'Do a good deed today-arrest at Wackenhut.'

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"Following my interview a police officer took me out of the room and fingerprinted and photograph me. When I returned, the sign was gone. I was then taken to a magistrate who set bail for me at \$500.00. As I could not raise this amount of money immediately, I was placed in the Luzerne County Jail. The following morning at approximately 10:00 a.m., I was released when my employer paid the bail.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and three others, finding it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.

"/s/ [redacted]  
"January 4, 1979

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted], Special Agent,  
FBI, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., January 4, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., January 4, 1979."

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/17/79

[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the  
following signed statement:

"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"January 15, 1979

"I, Patrolman [redacted], hereby  
make the following statement freely and  
voluntarily to Special Agents [redacted]  
[redacted],

who have identified themselves to me as  
Special Agents of the F.B.I.

"On Sunday, October 15, 1978, I was  
assigned to [redacted] with Patrolman [redacted]  
[redacted]. At approximately 5:45 p.m., we  
received a radio call to investigate a hit  
and run accident at the corner of Connyingham  
Avenue near Kidder Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
Upon arriving at the scene I interviewed the  
driver of an automobile whose front-end had  
been rammed into a pole. This driver, as well  
as a witness who was there at the time of the  
accident, advised that a van being driven by a  
[redacted] had struck the automobile  
pushing it into the pole. The license number  
was also obtained. I radioed to another police  
cruiser with the details of the accident, who  
proceeded to the Treadway Inn in the hopes that  
the van could be located there. The driver was  
in fact located at the Treadway Inn and was arrested  
by the police officers for leaving the scene of  
the accident. At the time the van was located,  
there were two Wackenhut guards who indicated they  
had been in the van at the time of the accident.

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SAs [redacted] and  
by [redacted] PH: dmt Date dictated 1/17/79

"In order to clarify exactly who was driving the van, both guards were taken to the Wilkes-Barre Police Station for questioning. Upon arriving at headquarters the facts of the case were obtained and [ ] was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and the other security guard was released.

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"I made the decision to arrest [ ] based on the facts that one driver had apparently been injured and was treated at a hospital and [ ] admitted to leaving the scene following the accident. At the time of the arrest I believe the facts of the case justified my actions.

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"I have no knowledge of any sign in the Wilkes-Barre Police Department on the day of [ ] arrest which stated, 'Do a good deed today - arrest a Wackenhut.'

"Aside from the above incident I had no specific contact with anyone involved in the strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, although I did have various tours of duty in connection with the strike. My actions with regards to the above incident were not influenced in any way with the fact that a Wackenhut guard was involved. I would have taken the same action regardless of the individuals involved.

"I was given no special instructions with regards to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incidents in which a Wilkes-Barre police officer failed to perform his duties or respond to a complaint during the current strike.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and three others finding it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.

"/s/ [redacted]

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"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted], Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 16, 1979  
/s/ [redacted], Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 16, 1979."

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IV. ALLEGED ASSAULT WACKENHUT EMPLOYEES, MASTER  
HOST INN, 10/15/78

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/12/79

[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute. Following this, he was interviewed and furnished a signed statement which is as follows:

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"January 11, 1979

"Dunmore, Pa.

"I, [redacted] furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats, promises or duress were used to get me to make this statement. I have been advised that it may be used in a court of law. I live at [redacted] and I can read and write the English language.

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"On the evening of October 15, 1978, at approximately 9:05 p.m., I was on duty as a [redacted] for Milkanin Security at the Master Host Motel, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. I was in the bar of the hotel watching television and then walked into the lobby and the manager of the hotel told me there was trouble outside in the parking lot and I better go out there and write down some license plates. The desk manager then called the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and told them there was trouble. I then proceeded out to the parking lot and began writing down license plate numbers when I was approached by one individual that was out of a group of six or eight people. He didn't say anything to me but just punched me under the right eye. While I was on the ground I pulled my gun on the individual and noticed that he had also drawn a weapon. The individual then told me to

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by SAs [redacted] JFS:dmt Date dictated 1/11/79

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"go ahead and shoot him. His friends yelled to him to go and then turned his back to me and told me to shoot him in the back. The individual walked away from me, got into a car and drove away. The Wilkes-Barre Police Department arrived at the motel at approximately 9:20 p.m., where they took statements from me, the manager of the motel and a Wackenhut guard who had been beat up previously. The individual who hit me was a white male, [redacted], approximately [redacted] and was wearing gloves.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one additional handwritten page. I have initialed each page and correction and now sign it because it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 11, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 11, 1979."

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The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:

Home Address:

Telephone:

Employment:

[redacted]  
[redacted] Milkanin Security,  
Hotel Sterling, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/17/79

[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following attached  
signed statement:

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by SAs [redacted] and RDA:dmt Date dictated 1/17/79

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January 8, 1979  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

[redacted]  
I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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I am currently a [redacted] with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and have been so employed for approximately [redacted] years.

On the evening of October 15, 1978, while patrolling in my police cruiser, I received a call to respond to a fight in progress at the Master Host Inn parking lot in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. According to records of the department, I received this call at 9:00 p.m. and arrived at the scene at 9:13 p.m. Upon arriving at the scene, I contacted [redacted] who furnished a statement indicating that he had been struck by [redacted] [redacted] who he identified through pictures appearing in the Citizen's Voice newspaper on October 9, 1978. [redacted] advised me that he had observed seven to ten men standing around a Wackenhut van parked in the Master Host lot and when he asked him if he could be of some assistance, he was [redacted]

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[ ] set upon by these men and it was at this time that he was struck by [ ]

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I also interviewed a [ ] who advised that he had also been struck by [ ] advised me that at approximately 9:05 p.m. he observed [ ], an employee of the Wackenhut Corporation, being assaulted by striking employees of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. He saw [ ] make his way back to the motel lobby following this assault and at that point the attackers turned their attention to [ ] and chased him. Just as he reached his room, [ ] caught up to him and as he entered the room, struck him in the face causing him to fall. [ ] further told me that an individual in the room, [ ] slammed the door closed and [ ] then smashed the window by putting his fist through and then made threats against [ ]. [ ] stated that he was able to identify [ ] due to his picture being in the Citizen's Voice newspaper on October 9, 1978.

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I also obtained statements from [ ] of Plainfield, New Jersey, and [ ] of Forty-Fort, Pa., regarding the attack on [ ]. In addition, I was furnished the statements of [ ] who [ ]

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[ ] were apparently present at the time of the assault on [ ] but were unavailable for interview at the time I was at the scene.

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I did not attempt to make an arrest of [ ] due to the fact it was departmental policy at the time that if a police officer did not personally observe the violation, a private warrant should be sworn out before a magistrate by the victims. In addition, when I first interviewed [ ] he indicated that he had no idea who had struck him. However, after talking to [ ] [ ] determined that it was his belief that [ ] [ ] had in fact struck him. I advised the victims in this case to go to Magistrate BEDNARZ and file a complaint against [ ] and appropriate action would then be taken by the police department. I left the scene of the incident according to police records at 11:24 p.m., and furnished a report to police headquarters. Any further investigation into the incident, as I understand it, is the responsibility of the Detective Division.

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I was given no specific instructions with regard to the handling of any incidents concerning the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incident in [ ]

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☐ which a Wilkes-Barre police officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company ☐

I have read the above statement consisting of this and three other pages and find it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.

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☐ SA FBZ Scranton, Pa 1/11/19  
S.A. V.B.T. Scranton, Pa 1/11/19

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V. ALLEGED ASSAULT OF WACKENHUT EMPLOYEES, 10/25/78

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/17/79

[redacted] with the law firm of King and Ballow, 24th. Floor, First Avenue Center, Union and Fourth Street, Nashville, Tenn., contacted the Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that in October, 1978, during the strike by union employees against the Wilkes-Barre Times-Leader Newspaper he obtained affidavits from numerous witnesses regarding incidents which took place during this time period.

One individual, [redacted], furnished a statement regarding an incident which took place on October 25, 1978, in which he was assaulted by an individual identified as [redacted]. Based on this statement, charges were filed against [redacted]. However, [redacted] has been unable to locate [redacted], who left the area shortly after the assault. As a result, [redacted] anticipates that the criminal assault charges will eventually be dropped regarding the assault by [redacted] on [redacted].

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[redacted] furnished the affidavit of [redacted] which is attached, as well as an affidavit of [redacted].

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by SAs [redacted] and PH: dmt Date dictated 1/17/79

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## AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF LUZERNE )

[redacted], being first  
duly sworn on his oath states that he is a person of lawful age and  
further deposes and states:

1. I reside at [redacted] \_\_\_\_\_
2. My home phone number is \_\_\_\_\_
3. I am employed by \_\_\_\_\_ Wackenhut \_\_\_\_\_  
in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as a [redacted] and have  
been so employed since \_\_\_\_\_

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On October 25, 1978 at approximately 6:00 a.m. I had gone out of the front door of the building to provide protection for the entry of Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company employees who were arriving in two vans at the time. There were approximately 6 other guards with me. We formed two lines of guards so as to create a corridor through which the arriving employees could walk. As the first few employees got out of the first van, they were being pelted by eggs thrown by two strikers. Almost immediately, [redacted] shouted out from right behind me, "Get this man!" I know that [redacted] knew me as a result of a criminal complaint I filed against him and because I identified [redacted] as being at the Master Host Inn parking lot. [redacted] grabbed me from behind and dragged me approximately 15 or 20 feet towards the front gate, where I was pinned against the wall of the building by other strikers. While still holding me with one arm, [redacted] turned to face me and struck me very hard two times with his fist. I am not sure whether or not [redacted] had a weapon or object in his hand as he struck me, but he may have had something since the lump he caused on my forehead had

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[redacted]  
[redacted], advised she is the [redacted]  
[redacted] a Wackenhut Corporation employee.

She advised she last saw him on August 8, 1978, and has had no contact with him since and is unable to furnish any information regarding his whereabouts.

[redacted] added she is quite concerned concerning [redacted] whereabouts adding she [redacted] and his disappearance is troubling her considerably.

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by SA [redacted] :mem Date dictated 1/12/79

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/17/79

JOHN SWIM, Chief of Police, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Police Department, reviewed the files of his department for information regarding incidents involving individuals connected to the strike by union employees at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company on October 13, 15, 25, 1978, and furnished the following documents:

1. Special report dated October 14, 1978, having report number 04576J1478 regarding vandalism at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company on the evening of October 13-14, 1978.

2. Wilkes-Barre Police Report having incident number J157835 regarding the arrest of [redacted] on October 15, 1978, on charges of leaving the scene of an accident.

3. Wilkes-Barre Police Report having incident number J157846 regarding an assault on two Wackenhut security guards at the Master Host Inn in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on October 15, 1978.

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4. Wilkes-Barre Police Report having incident number J257814 regarding the assault on several Wackenhut security employees by [redacted] on October 25, 1978."

Chief SWIM advised that in addition to the above, records of his department indicate that based on an incident that occurred at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company on October 25, 1978, charges were subsequently filed against two individuals for assaulting ten employees of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company or the Wackenhut Corporation on November 1, 1978. The complaints are currently on file with Luzerne County Magistrate JOHN BEDNARZ and are currently awaiting a judgment by the magistrate.

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by SA [redacted] /dmt Date dictated 1/17/79

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Chief SWIM furnished the following documents relating to this incident:

Signed statements of:



He also furnished criminal complaints dated November 1, 1978, filed on behalf of the above named individuals.

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## SPECIAL REPORT

No C 04576J14781

STANDING ORDERS TO BUREAU OF POLICE - All members of the Bureau of Police, when making a report, must write a full detailed account of the subject referred to giving correct names, age, crime, date and location. If lost or stolen property, itemize value same. If robbery, description of thief or person suspected. ALL SUSPECTED GAMBLING AND BAWDY HOUSES. If murder or serious wounding full account of the affair, names and addresses of witnesses, and what they saw. Any unusual thing occurring, which officer has knowledge of, must be reported at once in writing and forwarded by Sergeant in charge to Chief of Police.

By Order Of JOHN W. RUDDICK

JOHN W. RUDDICK  
CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police  
13/14 OCT 1978  
Wilkes-Barre, Penna. ....

SIR:

ON THE ABOVE DATE, AT THE BEGINNING OF TOUR OF DUTY (0300 HR., 13 OCT 78), AT THE DIRECTION OF LT. COYNE, THE UNDERSIGNED OFFICERS WERE DIRECTED TO MAKE PERIODIC CHECKS WITH THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES AT THE W-B PUBLISHING CO.

PERIODIC CHECKS WERE MADE AT THE REAR OF THE BLDG & A FEW PICKETS WERE OBSERVED, ACTING IN AN ORDERLY MANNER.

DAMAGED PROPERTY (TRUCKS & FENCE) WERE OBSERVED BUT AT NO TIME WERE ANY COMPLAINTS RECEIVED OR ANY REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE RECEIVED. NO ACTS OF VANDALISM WERE WITNESSED BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

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AT 0200 HRS., 14 OCT 78, UNDERSIGNED OFFICERS MET WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WHO WERE SPEAKING TO LUZERNE CO. SHERIFF JAGODINSKI & WERE DISCUSSING THE SITUATION. AT THAT TIME, THE SHERIFF STATED THERE WAS NO PROBLEM & HE DID NOT REQUIRE ANY ASSISTANCE.

A CHECK AT 0300 HRS., SHOWED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE TO THE FENCE & TO TRUCKS

## SPECIAL REPORT

No C 04577

STANDING ORDERS TO BUREAU OF POLICE - All members of the Bureau of Police, when making a report, must write a full and detailed account of the subject referred to giving correct names, age, crime, date and location. If lost or stolen property, itemize value same. If robbery, description of thief or person suspected. ALL SUSPECTED GAMBLING AND BAWDY HOUSES. If murder or serious wounding full account of the affair, names and addresses of witnesses, and what they saw. Any unusual thing occurring, which the officer has knowledge of, must be reported at once in writing and forwarded by Sergeant in charge to Chief of Police.

By Order Of JOHN W. RUDDICK

Chief of Police

Wilkes-Barre, Penna. CONTINUED, 19.....

WHICH WERE PARKED IN THE COMPOUND.  
AT THIS TIME, TWO PICKETS WERE OBSERVED  
ON THE WALK & NO-ONE (INCLUDING GUARDS)  
WERE OBSERVED WITHIN THE LOT.

AT 0320 HRS., CAR 4, CAR 5, K-9 & [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WERE AT THE FRONT DOOR  
OF THE PUBLISHING CO., ON N. MAIN ST., TO  
STAND BY WITH THE SHERIFF WHILE 35  
EMPLOYEES WERE TAKEN FROM THE BLDG.,  
IN 3 VANS, DRIVEN BY WACKENHUT GUARDS.  
THE EMPLOYEES LEFT WITHOUT INCIDENT,  
OTHER THAN SOME RANDOM NAME CALLING.  
TIME CLEARED WAS 0421 HRS.

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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] *Car 4*

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3. Location of Complaint		KIDDER & CONYHAM AVE.		1157835	
4. Nature of Complaint		HIT & RUN		5. Offense Code 10-65	
6. Complainant's Name N/G		7. Address		8. Telephone	
Car Assigned 2 1 0	9. Details of Complaint/Remarks:			Received	5 30 3
	ASSIST BY WAGON. 10-51			Dispatched	5 30 3
	NOTIF 10-52 NOTIF & CANCELLED. ALSO ASSIST			Arrived	5 40 3
	BY C-3 OPER. APPR. AT TREADWAY INN/ASSIST			10-8	6 03 3
	BY PLUS PD. C-2 10-7 GEN. HOSP. FOR INFO (10-65 WSH)			Cleared	10-8 10 52 3
Action Taken		ST. DEPT		10-8	
Vehicle Year		Make	Model	Body Style	License
12. Final Classification		11		13. Dispatcher/Date Mo/Day/Yr 10/1/58	

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KIDDER ST.



USE ARROW

PHIL POLE  
STREET SIGN

CONNYNGHAM AVE

TRAFFIC SIGNAL

JASPER LN.

NARRATIVE

OPER#1 STATED HE WAS BEING FOLLOWED  
SEVERAL VEHICLES FROM THE W-B. PUBLISHING  
N. MAIN ST. HE DROVE THRU TOWN TO KIDDER  
TURNED RIGHT ON LAUREL ST. AND LEFT  
TO JASPER LN. HE WAS BEING FOLLOWED AND  
TURNED LEFT ONTO CONNYNGHAM AVE WHEN  
VEHICLE TRAVELING EAST BLOCKED HIS WAY. HE  
SLOWED DOWN BUT THE VEHICLE KEPT  
MOVING SO HE (OPER#1) TURNED LEFT AROUND THE  
HILL AND AS HE CAME BACK ON THE ROAD  
HIS VEHICLE WAS STRUCK IN THE REAR BY VEH#2.  
OPER#1 TURNED RIGHT ONTO KIDDER ST. AND  
DROVE NORTH TO THE TERRACE JUNCT. RT 315.  
OPER#2 STATED HE WAS STOPPED ON  
CONNYNGHAM AVE FACING WEST AT THE LIGHT.  
WHEN VEH#1 STRUCK HIS VEHICLE PUSHING IT  
TO A POLE AND THEN FLEW THE SCENE.  
WITNESS#1 STATED OPER#1 FORCED VEH#2 TO THE SIDE  
ROAD AND FLEW SCENE.  
OPER#2 WAS BEING TREATED AND X RAYED FOR  
ALL INJURIES AT THE W-B. GENERAL HOSP.

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61. AUTO/TRUCK BODY TYPE
- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 01 - CONVERTIBLE  | 11 - JEEP, ETC.                        |
| 02 - 2 DR HARDTOP | 12 - PICK-UP                           |
| 03 - 4 DR HARDTOP | 13 - VAN (NOT MOVING VAN OR HORSE VAN) |
| 04 - 2 DR SEDAN   | 14 - TOW TRUCK                         |
| 05 - 4 DR SEDAN   | 15 - OTHER SINGLE UNIT                 |
| 06 - STA. WAGON   | 16 - TRACTOR (CAB ONLY)                |
| 07 - LIMOUSINE    | 17 - TRACTOR TRAILER                   |
| 08 - OTHER AUTO   | 18 - OTHER TRUCK                       |

62. INITIAL POINT OF IMPACT
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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 01 - NONE          | 00 - NONE          |
| 02 - TOP           | 07 - TOP           |
| 03 - UNDERCARRIAGE | 08 - UNDERCARRIAGE |
| 04 - TOWED UNIT    | 09 - TOWED UNIT    |
| 05 - UNKNOWN       | 99 - UNKNOWN       |

63. VEHICLE DAMAGE SEVERITY
- |           |              |
|-----------|--------------|
| 0 - NONE  | 2 - MODERATE |
| 1 - LIGHT | 3 - SEVERE   |

64. WAS TOWING REQUIRED?
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| 0 - NO | 1 - YES |
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65. ESTIMATED TRAVEL SPEED
- |                            |
|----------------------------|
| 00 - NONE (STOPPED/PARKED) |
| 01-97 - CODE ACTUAL SPEED  |
| 98-99 - OR GREATER         |
| 99 - UNKNOWN               |

66. VEHICLE GRADIENT
- |                   |
|-------------------|
| 1 - LEVEL ROADWAY |
| 2 - UPHILL        |
| 3 - DOWN HILL     |

67. SPECIAL USAGE
- |                                    |
|------------------------------------|
| 00 - NONE                          |
| 01 - PUPIL TRANSPORT               |
| 02 - FIRE VEHICLE                  |
| 03 - AMBULANCE                     |
| 04 - OTHER EMERGENCY VEHICLE       |
| 05 - STATE POLICE VEHICLE          |
| 06 - PENN DOT VEHICLE              |
| 07 - OTHER STATE GOV'T. VEHICLE    |
| 08 - MUNICIPAL POLICE VEHICLE      |
| 09 - OTHER MUNICIPAL GOV'T VEHICLE |
| 10 - FEDERAL GOV'T VEHICLE         |
| 11 - TAXI                          |
| 12 - TOWING CAR                    |
| 13 - TOWING TRUCK                  |
| 14 - TOWING UTILITY TRAILER        |
| 15 - TOWING MOBILE/MODULAR HOME    |
| 16 - TOWING CAMPER                 |

68. HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE TYPE - FROM PLACARD
- |                        |                            |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 00 - NOT APPLICABLE    | 12 - FUEL OIL              |
| 01 - NON-FLAMMABLE GAS | 13 - DANGEROUS RADIOACTIVE |
| 02 - COMBUSTIBLE       | 14 - FLAMMABLE SOLID - W   |
| 03 - ORGANIC PEROXIDE  | 15 - FLAMMABLE SOLID       |
| 04 - CORROSIVE         | 16 - FLAMMABLE GAS         |
| 05 - EXPLOSIVE "A"     | 17 - FLAMMABLE GAS         |
| 06 - OXYGEN            | 18 - FLAMMABLE SOLID       |
| 07 - POISON            | 19 - GASOLINE              |
| 08 - EXPLOSIVE "B"     | 98 - OTHER/NOT SIGNED      |
| 09 - CHLORINE          |                            |
| 10 - OXIDIZER          |                            |
| 11 - POISON GAS        |                            |

70. CITATION(S) UNIT NO. 1 PAINE 3742		71. CITATION REPORT NO(S)	
73. CITATION(S) UNIT NO. 2		74. CITATION REPORT NO(S)	
76. TYPE			
77. RESULT			
78. PLACARD			
79. TYPE			
80. RESULT			
81. IS THE INVESTIGATION COMPLETE?			

ALCOHOL TEST TYPES - BLOCKS 76 AND 79  
THE FOLLOWING CODES:

1 - BLOOD	3 - URINE	8 - OTHER CHEMICAL
2 - BRT ATH	4 - TEST REFUSED	

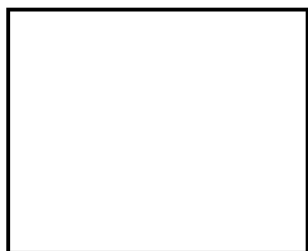
18 ACTION TAKEN

- 01 Incident Report
- 02 Offense Report
- 03 Vehicle Report
- 04 Missing/Run Away
- 05 Juvenile Report
- 06 Accident Report
- 07 Bicycle Report
- 08 Unfounded (Reason: Item 9)
- 09 Unable to Locate
- 10 False Call
- 11 Convoy/Escort
- 12 Cancelled by Radio
- 13 Assisted (Who: Item 9)
- 14 Turned Over to (Who: Item 9)
- 15 Advice Given (What Advice: Item 9)
- 16 Warrant Advised
- 17 Refused to Prosecute
- 18 Traffic Citation Issued
- 19 Parking Ticket Issued
- 20 Auto Towed
- 21 Traffic Duty Completed
- 22 Animal Bite Report

Sunday, October 15, 1978

The following men worked as follows:

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Platoon C	3-11 PM	Car 2
Platoon C	3-11 PM	Car 2
Platoon C	3-11 PM	Car 3
Platoon C	3-11 PM	Car 3
Platoon C	3-11 PM	Patrol Wagon
Platoon D	3-11 PM	Dispatcher 101
Platoon D	3-11 PM	Dispatcher 108



POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Method of Receipt Phone ☐ Walk-In ☐  
Letter ☐ On View ☐ Other ☐

2. Control Number

J157846

3. Location of Complaint

4. Nature of Complaint

6. Complainant's Name

7. Address

5. Offense Code

8. Telephone

1. Car Assigned

K-92

Assigned

9. Details of Complaint/Remarks:

w/c NOTIF.

ASSIST BY C-3 &amp; C-5.

Received

9 03 3

Dispatched

9 03 3

Arrived

9 13 3

Cleared

11 27 3

Action Taken

01

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Vehicle Year

Make

Model

Body Style

License

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12. Final Classification

13. Dispatcher/Date Mo/Day/Yr

101 10/13/88

No C 4091

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By Order Of JOHN W. RUDDICK

Chief of Police

Wilkes-Barre, Penna. 10-15-1978

John W. Ruddick  
Chief of Police

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Re:

The following is the statement of [redacted]  
Race Male [redacted] y.o.A of [redacted]  
[redacted] for Wackenhut Security,  
in reference to an assault on the Parking Lot  
of Master Host Inn.

[redacted] states that at approx 2105 hrs 10-15-78  
he was in the lobby of Master Host Inn when he  
saw [redacted] of Wackenhut Security  
leaving the lobby of the M. Inn and upon crossing the parking  
lot he saw a group of between 10-15 men surround  
[redacted] and one of the men struck [redacted]  
in the face knocking him to the ground [redacted]  
struggled to his feet and ran back to the lobby with  
the men chasing him upon reaching the lobby the  
men stayed outside, yelling they would get him later  
and then they left the scene in vehicles.

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Chief of Police

Wilkes-Barre, Penna. 10-15-78, 1978

John W. Ruddick  
Chief of Police

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Re:

The following is a statement of one [redacted]

C. M. Female [redacted] y. O. A. of [redacted]

[redacted] An Employee of Master West Inn in reference to an assault that took place in the parking lot on 10-15-78 at the Master West Inn

[redacted] stated she was in the lobby of the Motel when she observed [redacted] of Master West Security leave the lobby and as he crossed the parking lot he was surrounded by a group of 10-15 men and she observed one of the men strike [redacted] knocking him to the ground she yelled to the desk clerk to call the police and then saw [redacted] struggle to his feet and run back to the lobby with the men in pursuit upon arrival back at the lobby she stated the men yelled they were going to get him later and then they left - fleeing in numerous vehicles.

VILKES-BARRE POLICE DEPT.  
INITIAL CRIME REPORT

1. INCIDENT NO.

J157546

2. OFFENSE:

CRIMINAL MISFEASANCE

3. SECT. NO:

4. U.C.R. CODE:

5. DATE OCCURRED:

10-15-78

6. TIME OCCURRED:

2105

7. LOCATION:

MASTER HOST INN RM #29

8. ZONE:

9. NAME:

ADDRESS

PHONE:

MASTER HOST INN

500 KIDDER ST W-5

824-2411

10. RACE SEX AGE

11. EMPLOYER OR SCHOOL:

12. HOSPITALIZED AT:

3. NAME:

RACE

SEX

AGE

HT.

WT.

COMPL.

HAIR

EYES

CLOTHING

13. DISCOVERED BY:

15. DATE DISCOVERED:

10-15-78

16. TIME DISCOVERED:

2105

17. DATE INV. ARRIVED:

10-15-78

18. TIME INV. ARRIVED:

2109

19. MEANS OF ENTRY:

20. POINT OF ENTRY:

N/A

21. TOTAL PROP. VALU.

22. MEANS OF ENTRY:

23. LOCATION OF VICTIM/PROPERTY ON PREMISES:

N/A

24. WEAPON OR FORCE USED:

HOW USED:

25. VEHICLE USED:

YEAR

COLOR

MAKE

TYPE

REGISTRATION (STATE & NO.)

IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS

NARRATIVE: (1) LIST ACCUSED AND/OR ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS. (2) SUMMARIZE DETAILS OF INCIDENT. (3) DESCRIBE STOLEN ARTICLES AND VALUE; ALSO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, WHERE FOUND & DISPOSITION. (4) INCLUDE STATEMENT OF VICTIMS, WITNESSES, AND SUSPECTS; ALSO THEIR LOCATION AT TIME OF CRIME. (5) FURNISH NAME OF CORONER AND EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS NOTIFIED. (6) DESCRIBE ARREST. (7) REFER TO OTHER REPORTS BY NAME & NUMBER. USE SUPPLEMENT REPORT IF NEEDED.

ACCUSED.

[REDACTED] OF MASTER HOST INN STATES THAT AT APPROX. 105 HRS. 10-15-78 HE WAS INFORMED THAT DUE TO AN ASSAULT WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE AT THE MOTEL A WINDOW HAD BEEN PUNCHED OUT IN RM 29 OF MASTER HOST INN

[REDACTED] ALSO STATES DAMAGE WAS DONE TO AIR CONDITIONING UNIT IN THAT ROOM

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CHECK:

☐ UNFOUNDED

REAR:

☐ NOT CLEAR

29. SUPV. INITIALS:

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By Order Of JOHN W. RUDDICK

Chief of Police

Wilkes-Barre, Penna. 10-15-78, 1978

John W. Ruddick  
Chief of Police

Sir:

Please find attached two statements written by Warden's Security Guards in reference to the assault of [redacted] of Warden's Security on the parking lot of Master Host Inn on 10-15-78 at 2105 hrs.

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I was unable to speak to these people as they were out at the time I was at the scene.

Submitted



10/15/68 9:15 PM

I [redacted] witnessed the assault  
on [redacted] by one [redacted] of organized  
thugs. He then proceeded to Rm 29 making  
verbal threats & verbal Remarks to the effect  
killing as many as they (strikers) could. As he  
went to Rm 29 of Master Host Inn, He Verbally  
threatened to Assault with total bodily harm  
which he ~~to~~ Hit & attacked one [redacted]  
[redacted] and proceeded to break the window  
Rm 29.

Before Retreating to Rm 28 I [redacted]  
[redacted] Saw with my own eyes a  
gentleman wearing one Hunting vest and hat  
holding in standing position an object  
resembling a '357 Colt Python Blue edition Ripped'  
by a certified Gun Repairman for the State of  
Mississippi. I also saw 2-38 Police Specials or  
something that resembled these pieces of ~~fire~~  
arm or Balistic's ~~arm~~ ~~equipment~~ equipment.  
A ~~large~~ number of people I could see were  
to go strike personal.

This is to my Sure  
Mind and Knowledge,

Signed: [redacted]

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at 9:12 PM, on October 15, 1978, 10 TO 15  
~~unruly people~~ were standing in the parking lot  
Master Host Inn. One man by  
a name of [redacted] came to the  
door he put his foot in the Door preventing  
from closing <sup>the</sup> Door. [redacted]  
gched in the door and hit [redacted]  
ark in the face. [redacted] then broke  
one of the front windows in room  
29. he then reached in and pulled the  
stairs down. He stated that we would  
do the same thing every night.

Officer

[redacted]

written statement furnished [redacted]

WILKES-BARRE POLICE DEPT.  
INITIAL CRIME REPORT

1. INCIDENT NO.

J157846

2. OFFENSE: ASSAULT 3. SECT. NO: 4. U.C.R. CODE: 5. DATE OCCURRED: 10-15-78 6. TIME OCCURRED: 2105

7. ACTION: MASTER HOST INN 8. ZONE:

9. NAME: ADDRESS: PHONE:

10. RACE SEX AGE: 11. EMPLOYER OR SCHOOL: 12. HOSPITALIZED AT:

13. NAME: RACE SEX AGE HT. WT. COMPL. HAIR EYES CLOTHING

14. DISCOVERED BY: 15. DATE DISCOVERED: 16. TIME DISCOVERED: 17. DATE INV. ARRIVED: 18. TIME INV. ARRIVED:

19. PREMISES: 20. POINT OF ENTRY: 21. TOTAL PROP. VALUE:

22. MANNER OF ENTRY: 23. LOCATION OF VICTIM/PROPERTY ON PREMISES:

24. WEAPON OR FORCE USED: 25. HOW USED:

26. VEHICLE USED: YEAR COLOR MAKE TYPE REGISTRATION (STATE & NO.) IDENTIFYING CHARACTERISTICS

27. NARRATIVE: (1) LIST ACCUSED AND/OR ADDITIONAL SUSPECTS. (2) SUMMARIZE DETAILS OF INCIDENT. (3) DESCRIBE STOLEN ARTICLES AND VALUE; ALSO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, WHERE FOUND & DISPOSITION. (4) INCLUDE STATEMENT OF VICTIMS, WITNESSES, AND SUSPECTS; ALSO THEIR LOCATION AT TIME OF CRIME. (5) FURNISH NAME OF CORONER AND EVIDENCE TECHNICIANS NOTIFIED. (6) DESCRIBE ARREST. (7) REFER TO OTHER REPORTS BY NAME & NUMBER. USE SUPPLEMENT REPORT IF NEEDED.

28. ACCUSED:

VICTIM STATES THAT AT APPROX 2105 HRS 10-15-78 WHILE HE WAS IN HIS ROOM #24 HE HEARD A DISTURBANCE OUTSIDE IN THE PARKING LOT HE WENT OUT TO INVESTIGATE WHEN HE DID HE SAW ONE [REDACTED] WITH HIS ORGANIZATION WACKERHUT SECURITY BEING ASSAULTED BY STRIKERS FROM W.B. PUBLISHING COMP. HE SAW [REDACTED] MAKE HIS WAY BACK TO THE MOTEL LOBBY AT THIS POINT THE ATTACKERS TURNED THEIR ATTENTION TO HIM AND CHASED HIM HE REACHED HIS ROOM & JUST AS HE WENT ONE [REDACTED] CAUGHT UP TO HIM AS HE ENTERED THE ROOM [REDACTED] STUCK HIS FOOT IN THE DOOR PREVENTING HIM FROM CLOSING IT AND THEN [REDACTED] STRUCK HIM IN THE FACE CAUSING HIM TO FALL. AT THIS POINT [REDACTED] WHO WAS IN THE ROOM SLAMED THE DOOR CLOSED AND [REDACTED] SMASHED THE WINDOW BY PUTTING HIS FIST THROUGH IT [REDACTED] THEN MADE THREATS AGAINST VICTIM.

VICTIM WAS ABLE TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] DUE TO HIS PICTURE BEING IN THE "CITIZEN VOICE" NEWSPAPER DATED 10-9-78

29. CHECKS: ☐ UNFOUNDED ☐ NOT CLEARED 30. BADGE NO.: 57 31. SUPV. INITIALS:



VILKES-BARRE POLICE DEPT.  
INITIAL CRIME REPORT

1. INCIDENT NO.

J1578

2. OFFENSE:

ASSAULT

3. SECT. NO:

4. U.C.R. CODE:

5. DATE OCCURRED:

10-15-78

6. TIME OCCURRED:

2:105

7. LOCATION:

MASTER HOST INN

8. ZONE:

9. NAME:

10. ADDRESS

PHONE:

10. RACE SEX AGE

11. EMPLOYER OR SCHOOL:

12. HOSPITALIZED AT:

13. NAME:

WACKENHUT SECURITY

RACE

SEX

AGE

HT.

WT.

COMPL.

HAIR

EYES

CLOTHING

BRÜCKEN MASS.

14. DISCOVERED BY:

VICTIM

15. DATE DISCOVERED:

10-15-78

16. TIME DISCOVERED:

2:105

17. DATE INV. ARRIVED:

10-15-78

18. TIME INV. ARRIVED:

2:109

19. TYPE PREMISES:

N/A

20. POINT OF ENTRY:

N/A

21. TOTAL PROP. VALU

N/A

22. MEANS OF ENTRY:

N/A

23. LOCATION OF VICTIM/PROPERTY ON PREMISES:

N/A

24. WEAPON OR FORCE USED:

FIST

25. HOW USED:

STRUCK

26. VEHICLE USED:

YEAR

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MAKE

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VICTIM STATED HE LEFT THE LOBBY OF MASTER HOST INN AND WAS CROSSING THE PARKING LOT TO GO TO HIS RM #74 WHEN HE OBSERVED 7-10 MEN STAND AROUND WACKENHUT VAN PARKED ON THE LOT WHEN HE ASKED THEM IF HE COULD BE OF SOME HELP HE WAS SET UPON BY THESE MEN AND WAS STRUCK BY ONE [REDACTED] (SUSPECT) WHO HE IDENTIFIED BY PICTURE IN "CITIZEN VOICE" NEWSPAPER DATE 10-9-78

VICTIM WAS KNOCKED TO THE GROUND AND WHEN HE STOOD UP HE RAN TO THE LOBBY OF MASTER HOST INN THROUGH THE GROUP.

WITNESS TO THE ASSAULT WERE [REDACTED] AN EMPLOYEE OF MASTER HOST INN & [REDACTED] AN EMPLOYEE OF WACKENHUT SECURITY

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CHECK: ☐ UNFOUNDED  
☐ NOT CLEARED

BADGE NO.:

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29. SUPV. INITIALS:

3. Location of Complaint		W-B PUB CO		5. Offense Code		16-84/10	
4. Nature of Complaint		FIGHT IN PROGRESS		8. Telephone			
6. Complainant's Name		WACKEN. [REDACTED]		7. Address			
11. Car Assigned	10. Officer	9. Details of Complaint/Remarks:				Received	6 03 00
		ASSIST B-2 C-3				Dispatched	6 03 00
		C-2 SUBT & CLEUPON				Arrived	6 03 00
		TRANS. TO C-20 HOSP. OTHER WEAPON BROUGHT TO HQ.				Cleared	9 00 00
Action Taken		02		Vehicle Year		Make	Model
2. Final Classification				Body Style		License	
13. Dispatcher/Date		Mo'Day/Yr		10/1		10 25 1	
8-5845-				No		4606	

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SPECIAL REPORT

No C 04312

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John W. Ruddick  
Chief of Police

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By Order Of JOHN W. RUDDICK

Chief of Police

Wilkes-Barre, Penna. 25 October 1978

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Sir:

On 25 October '78 at 0603 hrs (a.m.) with the undersigned Officers were at [redacted] on a 10/73 (Alarm) we had already checked the building for possible entry (clear) and we were awaiting the arrival of Triple A Alarm when we heard a call for Beats 1 and 2 10/84 (Fight) 10/86 (Dis-severely Group) at the W-B Publishing Company. We were sent to assist the two (2) beat men.

When we arrived on the scene, approx (15) Fifteen pickets were outside the publishing company building, pushing shouting and pointing. "He's got a gun", "He's got a gun" The undersigned Officers entered the building where approx twenty-five (25) people were in the Foyer. One man was bleeding profusely from the nose and mouth and had a holstered Colt .38 snub nose on his right hip. This Officer asked him if he was licensed to carry a weapon he replied I'm a Police Officer I said where he said Pittsburgh. I took the weapon from his holster, checked the cylinder, it was loaded with six (6) 3-D, 38 Cal. Hollow point ammunition. the weapon is a Detective Special serial # B58477

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It told him if he was licensed the weapon would be returned to him. He was escorted out of the building with another injured man and placed in Car # 2 (Officers [redacted] and [redacted] who had also responded) and transported to WBBH for examination and treatment. This Officer had the weapon and shells in his possession.

[redacted] of [redacted] a Wackerhut [redacted] asked why the gun was taken away from the man and "[redacted]" is carrying a .357 but we didn't take his. I asked how he knows [redacted] has a .357 he said I saw it I said when he said today and the day he was up at the motel. My partner and I went to strike HQ. We told a guy going in to tell [redacted] to come down. He did immediately but had removed his jacket. He was wearing a tight short sleeved (polo type) shirt and had a "beeper" on the right side. He was told why he was summoned and stated he would never carry a gun.

We went back to the publishing company

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Chief of Police

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and informed them [redacted] was un-armed.

[redacted] said sure he stashed it.

[redacted] who identified himself as

an [redacted] stated he would like to submit names for my report, of the people [redacted] allegedly assaulted. They are as follows:

- 1-
- 2-
- 3-
- 4-
- 5-
- 6-
- 7-
- 8-

[Large redacted area]

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The injured man is still at the Hospital being treated at the time of this Report. He was identified as a Police Officer in Mount Lebanon, Pa NCIC check made on weapon and [redacted] W.M. [redacted]

D.O.B. [redacted]  
[redacted]

Respectfully Submitted

[redacted]

# BUREAU OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE

## SPECIAL REPORT

N<sup>o</sup> C 04258

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John W. Ruddick  
Chief of Police  
Sir.

By Order Of JOHN W. RUDDICK

Chief of Police

Wilkes-Barre, Penna. 25 Oct. 1978

In reference to incident # J2578141,  
Two guns were confiscated from 2 supposedly  
[redacted] from Allegheny Co., who said  
they were there moonlighting for Wackenhut Corp.  
These men were armed, and were seen  
by the picketers and other strikers which to me  
is not helping the situation which is tense enough  
as it is.

The guns are being placed in an evidence  
locker with hopes that when the men come to  
headquarters to claim their weapons, they will be  
read the riot act by you and told to get the hell  
out of town.

What we don't need, is out of town, [redacted]  
[redacted] to ignite a very flammable situation.  
I believe officer [redacted] was within his  
right to remove the weapons from the men who were  
not acting in a capacity of policemen, but are employees  
by Wackenhut as [redacted]

Respectfully Submitted

# BUREAU OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE

## SPECIAL REPORT

No A 06186 12578-14

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By Order Of JOHN W. RUDDICK

Chief of Police

Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Oct 25 1978

John W. Ruddick  
Chief of Police

Sir,

At 6:03 AM. this date, Beat # 1 & Beat # 2  
dispatched by 101 to WB Publishing Co No  
Main St on 10/84

When both beats arrived Car 2 & 3 were  
inside Co with injured party.

He was bleeding from mouth area, Car # 2  
transported injured party to General Hospital  
for treatment.

[Redacted] confiscated 38 sub more  
from one of injured party.

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# BUREAU OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE

## SPECIAL REPORT

№ A 06188 J25781

STANDING ORDERS TO BUREAU OF POLICE — All members of the Bureau of Police, when making a report, must write a full and detailed account of the subject referred to giving correct names, age, crime, date and location. If lost or stolen property, itemize value of same. If robbery, description of thief or person suspected. ALL SUSPECTED GAMBLING AND BAWDY HOUSES. If murder or felonious wounding full account of the affair, names and addresses of witnesses, and what they saw. Any unusual thing occurring, which the officer has knowledge of, must be reported at once in writing and forwarded by Sergeant in charge to Chief of Police.

JOHN W RUDDICK  
CHIEF of Police

By Order Of JOHN W. RUDDICK  
Chief of Police

Wilkes-Barre, Penna. 25 OCT 1978

SIR,

ON THE ABOVE DATE AT 0603 HRS BEAT 1+2  
WERE DETAILED TO THE WLB PUBLISHING CO. N MAIN  
ON A 10-84.

UPON OUR ARRIVAL WE DID NOT SEE A FIGHT,  
BUT WE DID OBSERVE A SUBJECT WITH A BLOOD  
COVERED MOUTH AND FACIAL BRUISES.

CARS 2+3 WERE TALKING TO SUBJECT UPON  
OUR ARRIVAL. VICTIM WAS TRANSPORTED TO GEN.  
HOSPITAL BY CAR#1 TO BE TREATED.

OFFICERS [REDACTED] HAD TAKEN A  
GUN FROM THE VICTIM AS WE ARRIVED AT THE SCENE.

THERE WERE APPROX 15 PICKETS ON N MAIN ST AT  
THE TIME.

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BEAT #1



# BUREAU OF POLICE OF THE CITY OF WILKES-BARRE

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SPECIAL REPORT

No C04542

STANDING ORDERS TO BUREAU OF POLICE — All members of the Bureau of Police, when making a report, must write a full and detailed account of the subject referred to *giving correct names, age, crime, date and location*. If lost or stolen property, *itemize value of same*. If robbery, *description of thief* or person suspected. ALL SUSPECTED GAMBLING AND BAWDY HOUSES. If murder or felonious wounding full account of the affair, *names and addresses of witnesses*, and what they saw. Any unusual thing occurring, which the officer has knowledge of, must be reported at once in writing and forwarded by Sergeant in charge to Chief of Police.

By Order Of JOHN W. RUDDICK

Chief of Police

Wilkes-Barre, Penna. ....25 Oct....., 1978

Chief John Ruddick

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Sir;

At approx. 0620 hours 25 Oct. C.D. 108 detailed Car #2 to the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company on a 1084.

Car #3 Officers [redacted] were at the scene and were taking a from [redacted] age [redacted] of [redacted] a Wackenhut [redacted] also a [redacted] from the Township of Mount Lebanon, Pa. It was said he pulled his gun out during a fight with the pickets, [redacted], age [redacted] [redacted], also a Wackenhut [redacted] was hurt in the fight. Both were transported to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital by undersigned they were treated by [redacted]

Car #3 took the gun off [redacted] and undersigned confiscated a gun from [redacted]. Guns were taken to headquarters. They were both transported to headquarters after treatment.

*Respectfully Submitted*

[redacted]

*Car 2*

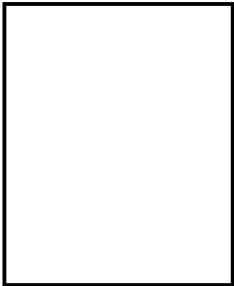
18 ACTION TAKEN

- 01 Incident Report
- 02 Offense Report
- 03 Vehicle Report
- 04 Missing/Run Away
- 05 Juvenile Report
- 06 Accident Report
- 07 Bicycle Report
- 08 Unfounded (Reason: Item 9)
- 09 Unable to Locate
- 10 False Call
- 11 Convoy/Escort
- 12 Cancelled by Radio
- 13 Assisted (Who: Item 9)
- 14 Turned Over to (Who: Item 9)
- 15 Advice Given (What Advice: Item 9)
- 16 Warrant Advised
- 17 Refused to Prosecute
- 18 Traffic Citation Issued
- 19 Parking Ticket Issued
- 20 Auto Towed
- 21 Traffic Duty Completed
- 22 Animal Bite Report

Tuesday, October 24, 1978 (for Oct. 25th reports)

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The following men worked as follows:



Platoon A	11-7 AM	Beat 1	
Platoon A	11-7 AM	Beat 2	
Platoon A	11-7 AM	Car 2	
Platoon A	11-7 AM	Car 2	
Platoon A	11-7 AM	Car 3	
Platoon A	11-7 AM	Car 3	
Platoon D	11-7 AM	Dispatcher	101
Platoon D	11-7 AM	Dispatcher	108

I, [redacted], am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to [redacted].

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Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state. I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purpose it may serve.

I am [redacted] years of age, and I live at [redacted].

On the 25th of Oct, 78 At 6.00am. I was called from my posted to come to the front door to help the un loading of two vans. Their was about 15 to 20 picketts at the front door. When the van pulled up, we unlocked the door went to the van; we formed a chain for the safety of the passengers. [redacted] At the van, when they (picketts) started to throw eggs. At this time [redacted] got out of the van; at this time [redacted] was attacked by [redacted] [redacted] was ball bearings and several bullets in his right hand and [redacted] started to hit [redacted] in the face and also [redacted] knee him in the privates. Then [redacted] and other E.P.s got out on the van to help [redacted] and other E.P.s and [redacted] had [redacted] on the ground, they [redacted] and then they were attacked by the same three guys. These three (picketts) got [redacted] against the wall, hitting him in the face, stomach. Then I [redacted] and then I was attacked by [redacted]

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Dated at Willes-Brook, this 25 day of Oct 1978.

WITNESSES: [redacted] [redacted] 7.53 p.m.  
[redacted] signature of person giving voluntary statement.

WITNESS: [redacted]

[redacted] had two silver bearing in his right hand, about 1 1/2 in diameter. I was struck in my left eye & left hand, I managed to get ~~against~~ inside the building. [redacted] and [redacted] threatened to kill me and the rest of the [redacted]. [redacted] admitted to having a gun and he would blow away anyone who got in his way. Then the city police arrived.

Wilkes-Barre

I, [redacted], am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to [redacted].

Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state. I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purpose it may serve.

I am [redacted] years of age, and I live at [redacted].

It was on executive protection duty on Oct 25, 1978 at 6:00 AM in front of the Wilkes Barre Publishing Building an altercation occurred. I was held from behind while several persons thoroughly beat [redacted] and eventually forcing him to the ground. [redacted] got away; I was released and started for the door. Before I got to the door I was struck about the head and chest several times. I got inside the door and found I had received cuts over the right eye and on the lower left ear. It was dark and I could not identify any faces.

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Dated at Wilkes Barre Pa., this 25 day of Oct 1978.

WITNESS: [redacted]

WITNESS: [redacted]

VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

(NOT UNDER ARREST)

I, [redacted] am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to [redacted].

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Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state. I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purpose it may serve.

I am [redacted] years of age, and I live at [redacted].

I am employed as an [redacted] by Wilkes-Barre

Publishing Company. On October 25 at approximately 6:00 am. I was detailed as an escort in one of two vans bringing employees to work. The two vans pulled up to the curb outside of the Publishing Company doors on Main Street. The first van started to unload and there was a lot of harassment of the people getting out. Some rocks and eggs were being thrown. There were approximately 20 pickets there. Before the people in my van started to get out I saw one of the pickets, whose name I believe is [redacted] grab one of the uniformed guards from his position near the door of the Publishing Company building and along with several other pickets drag the guard back into the picketers. They were harassing this guard and pushing and shoving him. I walked over and attempted to come between the guard and the pickets to break it up. At this point [redacted] spun around, cursed me and punched me in the face. I attempted to hold him at arm's length to prevent any further fistfights. At this point another picket grabbed my right arm and spun me around. [redacted] then hit me again while my arm was pinned. [redacted] broke free of the one who was holding me and attempted to defend myself against [redacted] and I fell on the ground and ~~waited~~ <sup>waited</sup> around for a few seconds. I broke free, got up and while attempting to go into the building, two other people grabbed my arms and pinned me, tearing part of my coat off in the process. [redacted] then punched me again and kicked me in the groin. At this point my coat was completely off and I fell on the ground. A couple of people kicked me in the ribs there. I was wearing my off duty weapon at the time and it was exposed ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> somebody yelled something about getting my gun.

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I have read each page of this statement consisting of [redacted] page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Dated at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1975. S 57P

WITNESS: [redacted]

Signature of person giving voluntary statement.

Dictated to [redacted]

WITNESS: [redacted]

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I, [redacted] am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to [redacted].

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I am \_\_\_\_\_ years of age, and I live at \_\_\_\_\_.

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At this time I removed my gun from my holster and held it with both hands up against my chest because the pickets were trying to get my pistol. I was still on the ground and rolled over onto my stomach. Several people then began kicking me on both sides of my body, my kidneys and about my head and face. Someone was at this point tearing at my right arm and trying to get my gun away from me. I was semiconscious at the time but I remember someone pulling my right arm away from my body; I was holding the gun in my right hand by the barrel and not the handle and someone took a picture of me. After the picture was taken I managed to roll away and as I did so I realized that it was [redacted] who was holding me down while the others were kicking me. I got up and stumbled into the building and as I did so, someone kicked me in the back and through the door. The pickets then continued to storm the front door but it was held shut until the police came. I subsequently voluntarily relinquished my pistol to a police officer who asked for it.

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Dated at W. L. B. General Hospital, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October 1975. 8:57pm

WITNESS: [redacted]

WITNESS: [redacted]

Signature of person giving voluntary statement.

Dated [redacted] by [redacted]



WILKES BARRE POLICE DEPT  
VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

(NOT UNDER ARREST)

I, [redacted], am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to [redacted] of the Wilkes Barre Police Dept.

Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state. I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purpose it may serve.

I am [redacted] years of age, and I live at [redacted].

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I Received A call to go to the plant in the vans transporting Employees. [redacted] And myself Rode in two vans to the plant. When we got to the plant, I was in the front van, and I got out and was met by the Wackenhut Guards who formed a path for the employees. I was watching the employees make the exit from the van when I heard [redacted] yell "lets get this man", and he grabbed a young Wackenhut guard, and [redacted] And several others, not known to me, started hitting him. I was watching in concern for the employees, and then I saw [redacted] go to the aid of the young guard by pulling [redacted] off the young guard. At that time another picketer hit him beside the head and [redacted] staggered. At that time several other picketers jumped on [redacted] and he went to the ground near the mail box. Several picketers were on him, and I was pulling one of the men off [redacted] when I got hit in the left side of the head and pushed back. At this time I was hit in the right side of the head by an egg and the egg went into my right eye. The egg throwing started as soon as the vans pulled up. I tried to clear my eyes and out the corner of my left eye a picketer reached over the mail box and tried to hit me. I ducked and the punch to my head area missed, and then I got hit in the neck with another egg.

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I have read each page of this statement consisting of 2 page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

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Dated at Wilkes Barre P.D., this 25 day of October 1978.

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[redacted] of person giving voluntary statement.

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I kept trying to get to [redacted] and I was pushed back away and kept from his aid. At this time [redacted] was trying to get off the ground and several picketers were hitting him and kicking him. [redacted] was the main Assaulter. The picketer dragged him to the alley between the Paper Plant and the Federal Building. When he was on the ground in the alley, [redacted] jacket was pulled over his head and this is when his gun was visible. It was not taken from the holster. Several picketer yelled "Take the Gun", and then someone else yelled to take pictures of it and the picketers tore his jacket and exposed his gun and a picketers was there with a camera taking pictures of [redacted] gun while in his holster. [redacted] was trying to fight off the picketer and also keep them from getting to his piece which he did. At this time [redacted] got to his feet and had to fight off picketer as he got to the door. Then I went for the door and saw a couple picketer start grabbing and hitting [redacted] who was between the door & the alley. I then tried to help [redacted] and when he got inside the paper I entered and went to check on [redacted] shortly there after several officers arrived and I called [redacted] to hold the other employees at the Treadway.

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Witness:

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7:05 PM

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

(NOT UNDER ARREST)

I, [redacted], am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known

to the Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state. I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purpose it may serve.

I am [redacted] years of age, and I live at [redacted]

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Summoned to the front desk of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co. at 20 minutes to 6 a.m., Oct. 25, 1978, I and approx. 7 other govt. officials waited there the arrival of two vans transporting Paper Co. employees. Upon their arrival we proceeded thru the front doors to the edge of the sidewalk forming two parallel lines to create a corridor for the entrance of the employees. Approximately an equal number of picketers gathered to interfere with those going into the building. Almost simultaneously as the first employees reached the entrance to the building (amidst being pelted by eggs) a man by the name of [redacted] grabbed me from behind and shouted "Get this man". as we had been ordered not to offer any physical resistance I ~~attained~~ was then dragged by [redacted] back towards the front [redacted] Gate entrance, for about 20 feet then pinned by bodies against the wall of the building. Quickly while still <sup>being held</sup> [redacted] as I was pinned in by other <sup>picketers</sup> [redacted] Orcutt hit me hard with his free hand, (I think with a metal material in his hand because of the marks marks it left) at the right upper side of my forehead then on the left ~~side~~ [redacted]

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I have read each page of this statement consisting of 2 page(s), each page [redacted] which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Dated at 2:45 P.M., this 27 day of October 1978.

WITNESS:

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[redacted]  
Signature of person giving voluntary statement.

side of my neck just under my left ear. Stunned  
and shocked, I broke free with all my strength and speed.  
Rushing back to the front door entrance I observed  
guards being struck by picketers. At this point in  
this statement I will interject that the probable reason  
for [redacted] ~~being~~ picking me out to attack was  
because I have already filed a criminal complaint against  
him in witness to an incident at the Naftee Host  
inn involving [redacted] team of inciters in  
which they hit 2 people, smashed ~~the~~ motel room windows  
& displayed firearms in threat. This is all recorded in  
official statements taken by the K-9 unit of the  
W.B. P.D. Now in relation to my observations to the  
rest of the chaos involving picketers striking guards  
I will not attempt to claim I can identify who  
it was that disfigured [redacted] etc. I was too  
shock up after being hit & the sequence of events  
were happening too fast to make any other direct  
identifications but without any thought or doubt I  
can attest to the

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VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

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I, [REDACTED], am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offense; concerning the events I am about to make known to [REDACTED].

Without being accused or or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state. I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purpose it may serve.

I am [REDACTED] years of age, and I live at [REDACTED].

AT ABOUT 5 O'CLOCK A.M. OCT. 25, 1978, I WAS WALKING TOWARD THE WILKES-BARRE PUBLISHING CO. FROM A VAN IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING. WHEN I WAS ALMOST TO THE BUILDING A MAN I IDENTIFIED AS [REDACTED] HIT ME ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF MY JAW. IT WAS A SURPRISE AS I WAS NOT SAYING ANYTHING OR DOING ANYTHING. AFTER HE HIT ME I WENT ON INTO THE BUILDING WITHOUT ANY RETALIATION.

I have read each page of this statement consisting of 1 page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Dated at Wilkes-Barre Pa, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1978.

WITNESS:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Signature of person giving voluntary statement.

WITNESS:

[REDACTED]

## VOLUNTARY STATEMENT

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I, [redacted], am not under arrest for, nor am I being  
detained for any reason concerning the events I am about to make known  
to [redacted].

Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the  
facts I am about to state. I volunteer the following information of my own free  
will, for whatever purpose it may serve.

I am [redacted] years of age, and I live at [redacted]

at approximately 5 a.m. on Oct. 25, 1978 I was  
coming into the W.B. Publishing Co. Plant after leaving a  
van. I was the third person to leave the van. Two  
pickets blocked my way. One was [redacted]  
while I was held up, [redacted] approached from my  
right. Without any warning, he threw a punch at me,  
striking me on the right side of the jaw. Force  
of the blow knocked to the sidewalk. Force of  
the blow by [redacted] drove me to the left. My left  
knee was twisted in the fall. Marks of the skin  
taken from the knee area are evident. My knee  
was twisted to the point where I can not walk  
properly now, without pain. If I sit down, the  
knee stiffens up. I intend to have it checked by  
medical people. At no time did I talk to or threaten [redacted]  
or act as to the blow by [redacted] I was not capable of striking back.

I have read each page of this statement consisting of [redacted] page(s), each page of  
which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify  
that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Dated at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., this 25 day of Oct 19 78

WITNESS: [redacted]

WITNESS: [redacted]

I, [redacted], am not under arrest for, nor am I being  
detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known  
to [redacted].

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Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the  
facts I am about to state. I volunteer the following information of my own free  
will, for whatever purpose it may serve.

I am [redacted] years of age, and I live at [redacted].

on Oct 25, 1978 at 5 AM. I was leaving a van  
in front of Publishing Co. to enter building for  
work. I was hit in the face by [redacted]  
which broke my eye [redacted] In no way did  
I try to hit back. I returned to the van and  
came back to motel and called my Superior

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that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

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Dated at Wilkes-Barre, this Oct day of 25 19 78

WITNESS: [redacted]

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statement.

WITNESS: [redacted]

I, [REDACTED], am not under arrest for [REDACTED] nor am I being  
detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known  
to [REDACTED].

Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the  
facts I am about to state. I volunteer the following information of my own free  
will, for whatever purpose it may serve.

I am [REDACTED] years of age, and I live at [REDACTED]

At 5:00 A.M. on October 25, 1978 as I left the van in front  
of the Wilkes-Barre Pub. Co. I saw [REDACTED] turn and  
hit [REDACTED] in the face. As I tried to walk around,  
[REDACTED] turned and came up on my left side  
and hit me on the left jaw. I then made my  
way to the front door of the Pub. Co. and went  
in. At no time did I say or do anything to  
[REDACTED]

I have read each page of this statement consisting of \_\_\_\_\_ page(s), each page of  
which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify  
that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Witnessed at Wilkes Barre Pa, this 25 day of October 1978. 19:20

WITNESS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Signature of person giving voluntary  
statement.

WITNESS: [REDACTED]



I, [redacted], am not under arrest for, nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known to [redacted].

Without being accused of or questioned about any criminal offenses regarding the facts I am about to state. I volunteer the following information of my own free will, for whatever purpose it may serve.

I am [redacted] years of age, and I live at [redacted].

The van carrying myself and other company workers, arrived at the Wilks-Bar Publishing Company at about five a.m. October twentyfifth. The van door was opened and the occupants started walking toward the door of the building. I saw various workers being grabbed, punched, and otherwise assaulted. When I reached the door [redacted] threw a punch striking me on the left side of the jaw. My glasses flew off my face, luckily, I caught them before they were broken. Without a word or gesture of defense or reprisal, I stepped aside of the hallway of the publishing company.

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Dated at Wilks-Bar 1<sup>st</sup>, this 25 day of Oct 19 78.

WITNESS: [redacted] \_\_\_\_\_  
[redacted] 7:35 PM  
Signature of person giving voluntary statement.

WITNESS: [redacted] \_\_\_\_\_

I, [redacted], am not under arrest for nor am I being detained for any criminal offenses concerning the events I am about to make known

to [redacted].  
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I am [redacted] years of age, and I live at [redacted].

5:00 AM on Oct. 25 [redacted], a Wackenhut  
[redacted] and I picked up people at the Treadway Inn.  
[redacted] one of 2 vans and proceeded to the Wilkes-Barre  
Fishing Co. As we arrived [redacted] in front of us began  
[redacted] its people at the front entrance of the building  
[redacted] [redacted] start pushing people from van #1  
[redacted] then approached our van and started yelling  
[redacted], asking if there were people in the van he then  
[redacted] "Come ~~of~~ out of there, Anybody." Prior to [redacted]  
[redacted] up to van we had opened the side door to let our people  
[redacted] reached into the van gave me a slight shove  
[redacted] I returned. He then punched me in the lower  
[redacted] eye. at this time [redacted] pulled away  
[redacted] the curb.

I have read each page of this statement consisting of 1 page(s), each page of which bears my signature, and corrections, if any, bear my initials, and I certify that the facts contained herein are true and correct.

Dated at Wilkes-Barre, this 25 day of Oct 1978.

WITNESS: [redacted] [redacted]  
[redacted] Signature of person giving voluntary statement.

WITNESS [redacted]

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO.  
(Address)  
JOHN MADRICK  
53 N. MAIN ST., W-B, PA 1-2

COMPLAINT NUMBER OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS		
YEAR		NUMBER
COMPLAINT NO.		1978
INCIDENT NO.	UCR NO.	OTN

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VS.

CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN SWIM  
(Name of Affiant)  
WILKES-BARRE POLICE DEPT  
(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)  
Residing at 18 N. STATE ST

DEFENDANT

NAME	ROBERT STANKIEWICZ
A.K.A.	
R.S.A.	
ADDRESS	UNKNOWN

I do hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- (1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above  
or,  
☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_  
Check applicable (box) ☐ His nickname or popular designation of is unknown to me and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe;  
(Place — Political subdivision)

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at WILKES-BARRE PUBLISHING CO., N. MAIN ST  
W-B, PA in LUZERNE County on or about 25 OCTOBER 1978 AT 6:00 A.M.  
(If the date or day of week is an essential element of offense charged, the day or date must be specifically set forth.)  
Participants were (If there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):

ROBERT STANKIEWICZ, JOHN DALE SUMMERS

(2) The acts committed by the accused were: \* THAT THE SAID DEFENDANT VIOLATED SECTION 2701 (1) OF THE PENNA CRIMES CODE: (SIMPLE ASSAULT) WHEN THE DEFENDANT DID CAUSE OR INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSE BODILY INJURY TO ANOTHER (JOHN DALE SUMMERS) BY PUNCHING HIM ON THE LEFT EYE AND LEFT HAND. THIS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM JOHN DALE SUMMERS, WHICH I VERILY BELIEVE TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 2701 (Section) and 81 (Sub-section) of the Act of PA CRIMES CODE or the \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance of \_\_\_\_\_ (Political Subdivision)

(3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made, and I swear to or affirm the within complaint upon my knowledge, information and belief, sign it on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, before \_\_\_\_\_.

EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 197\_\_\_\_  
John R. Swin  
(Signature of Affiant)

Personally appeared before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, the affiant above named who, being duly sworn (Affirmed) according to law, signed this complaint in my presence and deposed and said that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of affiant's knowledge, information and belief.

AND NOW, this date \_\_\_\_\_ 19\_\_\_\_, I certify the complaint has been properly sworn to and executed before me, and that there is probable cause for issuance of process.

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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO.  
John Bednarz (Address)  
53 N. Main Street, W-B, Pa. 1-2

COMPLAINT NUMBER OTHER PARTICIPANTS

COMPLAINT NO.		YEAR	NUMBER
		1978	
INCIDENT NO.	UCR NO.	OTN	

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

VS.

DEFENDANT

NAME: James Orcutt

A.K.A.

R.S.A.

ADDRESS: Unknown

Chief of Police John Swim

(Name of Affiant)

of Wilkes-Barre Police Dept.

(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)

residing at 18 N. State Street

do hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

(1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above

or,

(Check applicable box) ☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_

☐ His nickname or popular designation of is unknown to me and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe;

(Place — Political subdivision)

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co.  
in Lucerne County on or about 6:00 A.M. on October 25, 1978

(if the date or day of week is an essential element of offense charged, the day or date must be specifically set forth.)

Participants were (If there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):

James Orcutt, John N. Robbins

(2) The acts committed by the accused were: \* That the said Defendant violated Section 2701 of the Penna. Crimes Code (Simple Assault) when the Defendant did cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury to another (John N. Robbins) by punching him about the face. This information received from John N. Robbins, which I believe to be true and correct.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 2701 (Section) and (a) (1) (Sub-section) of the

Act of Pa. Crimes Code or the \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance of \_\_\_\_\_ (Political Subdivision)

(3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made, and I swear to or affirm the within complaint upon my knowledge, information and belief, sign it on 11-1, 1978 before J. Bednarz

EXECUTED this 1st day of Nov 1978

Personally appeared before me on Nov. 1st, 1978, the affiant above named who, being duly sworn (Affirmed) according to law, signed this complaint in my presence and deposed and said that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of affiants knowledge, information and belief.

AND NOW, this date Nov. 1st, 1978, I certify the complaint has been properly sworn to and executed before me, and that there is probable cause for issuance of process.

John R. Swim (Signature of Affiant)  
John Bednarz (SEAL)  
John Bednarz (SEAL)

## CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT No.

JOHN BEDNARZ  
53 N. MAIN ST  
WILKES-BARRE, PA 1-2



COMPLAINT NO. YEAR TYPE NUMBER

1978

COMPLAINT NUMBERS OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS

## COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

VS.

DEFENDANT: (Name and Address)

JAMES ORCUTT  
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

I, CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN SWIM

(Name of Affiant)

of WILKES-BARRE POLICE DEPT

(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)

residing at 18 N. STATE ST

do hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

(1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above or,☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_☐ his nickname or popular designation is unknown to me and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe;

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at \_\_\_\_\_

W-B PUBLISHING CO, 15 N. MAIN ST

(Place - Political Subdivision)

\_\_\_\_\_ in LUZERNE County on or about OCTOBER 25, 1978 AT 6:00am

Participants were (if there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):

JAMES ORCUTT, JOHN BURGESS

(2) The acts committed by the accused were: ☒ THAT THE SAID DEFENDANT JAMES ORCUTT, VIOLATED SECTION 2702 OF THE PENNA CRIMES CODE, AGGRAVATED ASSAULTED, WHEN ON THE ABOVE DATE, HE CAUSED SERIOUS BODILY INJURY TO JOHN BURGESS, OR CAUSED SUCH INJURY INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY, OR RECKLESSLY UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES MANIFESTING EXTREME INDIFFERENCE TO THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 2702 and (a) (1)

(Section)

(Sub-section)

of the Act of PA CRIMES CODE

Ordinance of \_\_\_\_\_

(Political Sub-division)

(3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made.

EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 197\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Affiant)

AND NOW, this date \_\_\_\_\_, 197\_\_\_\_\_, I certify the complaint has been properly sworn to and executed before me and I believe the within affiant to be a responsible person and that there is probable cause for the issuance of process.

(Magisterial District)

(Issuing Authority)

(SEAL)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

JAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO.

John Bednarz (Address)

13 N. Main Street, 1-3, Pa. 1-2

YEAR

NUMBER

COMPLAINT NO.

1978

INCIDENT NO.

UCR NO.

OTN

RIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

Chief of Police John Swin

(Name of Affiant)

Wilkes-Barre Police Department

(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)

Residing at 18 N. State Street

I hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

(1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above

or, ☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as

Check applicable box)

☐ His nickname or popular designation of is unknown to me, and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe;

(Place — Political subdivision)

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co.

in Luzerne

County on or about 6:00 A.M. on October 25, 1978

(if the date or day of week is an essential element of offense charged, the day or date must be specifically set forth.)

Participants were (If there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):

James Orcutt, James Moyer

(2) The acts committed by the accused were: \* That the said Defendant violated Section 2701 of the Penna. Crimes Code (SIMPLE ASSAULT) when the Defendant did cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury to another (James Moyer) by punching him about the head. This information received from James Moyer, which I believe to be true and correct.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 2701 and (a) (1) of the

(Section)

(Sub-section)

Act of Penna. Crime Code or the

Ordinance of

(Political Subdivision)

(3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made, and I swear to or affirm the within complaint upon my knowledge, information and belief, sign it on 11-1-78, before J. Bednarz

EXECUTED this 1st Nov. 1978 day of

Personally appeared before me on Nov. 1st, 1978, the affiant above named who, being duly sworn (Affirmed) according to law, signed this complaint in my presence and deposed and said that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of affiants knowledge, information and belief.

AND NOW, this date Nov. 1st, 1978, I certify the complaint has been properly sworn to and executed before me, and that there is probable cause for issuance of process.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO. 1  
John R. Z. (Address)  
53 N. Main Street, W-B, Pa. 1-2

COMPLAINT NO.		
YEAR		NUMBER
1978		
INCIDENT NO.	UCR NO.	OTN

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

Chief of Police John Swim  
(Name of Affiant)  
Wilkes-Barre Police Department  
(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)  
Residing at 18 N. State Street

I do hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

(1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above

or,

(Check applicable box) ☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_

☐ His nickname or popular designation of is unknown to me and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe;

(Place — Political subdivision)

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
in Luzerne County on or about 6:00 A.M. on October 25, 1978

(if the date or day of week is an essential element of offense charged, the day or date must be specifically set forth.)

Participants were (If there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):

James Orcutt, Michael Richard Smith

(2) The acts committed by the accused were: \* That the said defendant violated Section 2701 of the Penna. Crimes Code (Simple Assault) when the defendant did cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury to another (Michael Richard Smith) by punching him about the face. This information received from Michael Richard Smith, which I believe to be true and correct.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 2701 (Section) and (n) (1) (Sub-section) of the

Act of Pa. Crimes Code or the Ordinance of (Political Subdivision)

(3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made, and I swear to or affirm the within complaint upon my knowledge, information and belief, sign it on 11-1-78, before J. Bodnar

EXECUTED this 1st day of Nov. 1978

John R. Swim  
(Signature of Affiant)

Personally appeared before me on Nov. 1st, 1978, the affiant above named who, being duly sworn (Affirmed) according to law, signed this complaint in my presence and deposed and said that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of affiant's knowledge, information and belief.

J. Bodnar  
(Issuing Authority) (SEAL)

AND NOW, this date Nov. 1st, 1978, I certify the complaint has been properly sworn to and executed before me, and that there is probable cause for issuance of process.

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J. Bodnar  
(SEAL)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO.

(Address)

JAN 15, 1978 W-B, PA

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CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN SWIM

(Name of Affiant)

WILKES-BARRE POLICE DEPT

(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)

located at 18 N. STATE ST

I hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

(1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above

or,

☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as

check applicable

(2)

☐ His nickname or popular designation of is unknown to me and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe;

(Place — Political subdivision)

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at WILKES-BARRE PUBLISHING CO, W-B, PA in LUZERNE County on or about 5:00 AM ON OCTOBER 25, 1978

(if the date or day of week is an essential element of offense charged, the day or date must be specifically set forth.)

Participants were (If there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):

MRS JAMES ORCUTT, WILLIAM P. LANDMESSER

(2) The acts committed by the accused were: THAT THE SAID DEFENDANT VIOLATED SECTION 2701 OF THE PENNA CRIMES CODE (SIMPLE ASSAULT) WHEN THE DEFENDANT DID CAUSE OR INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSED BODILY INJURY TO ANOTHER (FRANK ADAM) BY PUNCHING HIM ABOUT THE FACE. THIS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM WILLIAM P. LANDMESSER, WHICH I BELIEVE TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 27011 (Section) and (a) (1) (Sub-section) of the

Act of PA: CRIMES CODE or the Ordinance of (Political Subdivision)

(3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made, and I swear to or affirm the within complaint upon my knowledge, information and belief, sign it on 11-1-78, before J. Bednarz

EXECUTED this 1st day of Nov. 1978

personally appeared before me on Nov. 1st, 1978, the affiant above named who, being duly sworn (Affirmed) according to law, signed this complaint in my presence and deposed and said that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of affiant's knowledge, information and belief.

AND NOW, this date Nov. 1st, 1978, I certify the complaint has been properly sworn to and executed before me, and that there is probable cause for issuance of process.

DEFENDANT

NAME JAMES ORCUTT

A.K.A.

R.S.A.

ADDRESS UNKNOWN

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

VS.



JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO.  
John Bednarz (Address)  
53 N. Main Street, W-B, Pa. 1-2

YEAR		NUMBER
COMPLAINT NO.		1978
INCIDENT NO.	UCR NO.	OTN

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

I, Chief of Police John Swim  
(Name of Affiant)  
of Wilkes-Barre Police Dept.  
(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)  
residing at 18 N. State Street

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VS.

DEFENDANT
NAME: James Orcutt
A.K.A.
R.S.A.
ADDRESS: Unknown

I do hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- (1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above  
or,  
(Check ☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_  
applicable box)  
☐ His nickname or popular designation of is unknown to me  
and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe; (Place — Political subdivision)

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co.  
in Luzerne County on or about 5:00 A.M. on October 25, 1978  
(if the date or day of week is an essential element of offense charged, the day or date must be specifically set forth.)  
Participants were (If there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):  
James Orcutt, John J. O'Malley

- (2) The acts committed by the accused were: \* That the said Defendant violated Section 2701 of the Penn. Crimes Code (Simple Assault) when the Defendant did cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury to another (John J. O'Malley) by punching him about the face. This information received from John J. O'Malley, which I believe to be true and correct.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 2701 (Section) and (a) (1) (Sub-section) of the Act of Pa. Crimes Code or the Ordinance of (Political Subdivision)

- (3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made, and I swear to or affirm the within complaint upon my knowledge, information and belief, sign it on 11-1-78, before J. Bednarz

EXECUTED this 1st day of Nov. 1978  
(Signature of Affiant)

Personally appeared before me on Nov. 1st, 1978, the affiant above named who being duly sworn (Affirmed) according to law, signed this complaint in my presence and deposed and said that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of affiants knowledge, information and belief.

AND NOW, this date Nov. 1st 1978, I certify the complaint has been properly sworn to and executed before me, and that there is probable cause for issuance of process.  
11-1-2 (Seal)

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO. John Bednarz (Address) 53 N. Main St., W-B, Pa. 1- 2
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COMPLAINT NO.		YEAR 1978	NUMBER
INCIDENT NO.	UCR NO.	OTN	

# CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

Chief of Police John Swim  
(Name of Affiant)  
Wilkes-Barre Police Dept.  
(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)  
Sitting at 18 N. State Street

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VS.

DEFENDANT  
NAME James Orcutt  
A.K.A.  
R.S.A.  
ADDRESS Unknown

I hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- (1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above.  
or,  
☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_  
(Place — Political subdivision)  
☐ His nickname or popular designation of is unknown to me  
and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe;

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co.  
in Luzerne County on or about 5:00 A.M. on October 25, 1978  
(if the date or day of week is an essential element of offense charged, the day or date must be specifically set forth.)

Participants were (If there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):  
James Orcutt, Harold Fletcher

- (2) The acts committed by the accused were: \* That said Defendant violated Section 2701 of the Penna. Crimes Code (SIMPLE ASSAULT) when the Defendant did cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury to another (Harold Fletcher) by punching him about the face. This information received from Harold Fletcher, which I believe to be true and correct.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 2701 (Section) and (a) (1) (Sub-section) of the Act of Pa. Crimes Code or the \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance of \_\_\_\_\_ (Political Subdivision)

- (3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made, and I swear to or affirm the within complaint upon my knowledge, information and belief, sign it on 11-1-, 1978, before J. Bednarz

EXECUTED this 1st day of Nov. 1978

Personally appeared before me on Nov. 1st, 1978, the affiant above named who, being duly sworn (Affirmed) according to law, signed this complaint in my presence and deposed and said that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of affiant's knowledge, information and belief.

AND NOW, this date Nov. 1st, 1978, I certify the complaint has been properly sworn to and executed before me, and that there is probable cause for issuance of process.  
11-1-2

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)  
JOHN BEDIARZ  
52 N. MAIN ST., W.B., PA 1-2

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

CHIEF OF POLICE JOHN SMITH  
(Name of Affiant)  
WILKES-BARRE POLICE DEPT  
(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)  
Residing at 18 N. STATE ST

I hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

(1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above

or,

(Check applicable box) ☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ His nickname or popular designation of is unknown to me and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe;

(Place — Political subdivision)

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at WILKES-BARRE PUBLISHING CO., W.B., PA  
in LUZERNE County on or about 6:00AM ON OCTOBER 25, 1978  
(If the date or day of week is an essential element of offense charged, the day or date must be specifically set forth.)

Participants were (If there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):

JAMES ORCUTT, WILLIAM P. LANDMESSER

(2) The acts committed by the accused were: \*

THAT THE SAID DEFENDANT VIOLATED SECTION 2701 OF THE

PENNA CRIMES CODE SIMPLE ASSAULT, WHEN THE DEFENDANT DID CAUSE OR INTENTIONALLY, KNOWINGLY OR RECKLESSLY CAUSED BODILY INJURY TO ANOTHER (WILLIAM P. LANDMESSER) BY PUNCHING HIM ABOUT THE FACE. THIS INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM WILLIAM P. LANDMESSER, WHICH I VERILY BELIEVE TO BE TRUE AND CORRECT.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 2701 (Section) and (1) (Sub-section) of the

Act of PA CRIMES CODE or the \_\_\_\_\_ Ordinance of \_\_\_\_\_ (Political Subdivision)

(3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made, and I swear to or affirm the within complaint upon my knowledge, information and belief, sign it on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, before \_\_\_\_\_.

EXECUTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1978

  
(Signature of Affiant)

Personally appeared before me on \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_, the affiant above named who, being duly sworn (Affirmed) according to law, signed this complaint in my presence and deposed and said that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of affiants

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO.  
John Bednarz (Address)  
53 N. Main Street, W-B, Pa. 1-2

YEAR		NUMBER
COMPLAINT NO.		197 8
INCIDENT NO.	UCR NO.	OTN

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

Chief of Police John Swin  
(Name of Affiant)  
Wilkes-Barre Police Dept.  
(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)  
siding at 18 N. State Street

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VS.

DEFENDANT

NAME	James Orcutt
A.K.A.	
R.S.A.	
ADDRESS	Unknown

I hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- (1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above  
or,  
Check ☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_  
(applicable box)  
☐ His nickname or popular designation of is unknown to me  
and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe;

(Place — Political subdivision)

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co.  
in Luzerne County on or about 5:00 A.M. on October 25, 1978  
(if the date or day of week is an essential element of offense charged, the day or date must be specifically set forth.)

Participants were (If there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):  
James Orcutt, Ronnie Clow

- (2) The acts committed by the accused were: \* That the said Defendant violated Section 2701 of the Penna. Crimes Code (Simple Assault) when the Defendant did cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury to another (Ronnie Clow) by punching him about the face. This information received from Ronnie Clow, which I believe to be true and correct.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 2701 (Section) and (a) (1) (Sub-section) of the Act of Pa. Crimes Code or the Ordinance of (Political Subdivision)

- (3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made, and I swear to or affirm the within complaint upon my knowledge, information and belief, sign it on 11-1, 19 78, before J. Bednarz

EXECUTED this 1st day of Nov. 197 8

Personally appeared before me on Nov. 1st, 19 78, the affiant above named who, being duly sworn (Affirmed) according to law, signed this complaint in my presence and deposed and said that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of affiant's knowledge, information and belief.

AND NOW, this date Nov. 1st 19 78, I certify the complaint has been properly sworn to and executed before me, and that there is probable cause for issuance of process.  
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JUSTICE OF THE PEACE  
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT NO.  
John Bednarz (Address)  
53 Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 1-2

COMPLAINT NUMBER OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS		
COMPLAINT NO.		YEAR 1978
INCIDENT NO.	UCR NO.	OTN

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT (POLICE)

Chief of Police John Swin  
(Name of Affiant)  
Wilkes-Barre Police Dept.  
(Identify department or agency represented and political subdivision)  
Residing at 18 N. State Street

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
VS.

DEFENDANT

NAME	James Orcutt
A.K.A.	
R.S.A.	
ADDRESS	unknown

I do hereby state under oath or affirmation, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief:

- (1) ☒ I accuse the above-named defendant, who lives at the address set forth above  
or,  
Check ☐ I accuse an individual whose name is unknown to me but who is described as \_\_\_\_\_  
(applicable box)  
☐ His nickname or popular designation of is unknown to me  
and, therefore, I have designated him herein as John Doe; (Place — Political subdivision)

with violating the penal laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania at Wilkes-Barre Publishing Co.  
in Luzerne County on or about 5:00 A.M. on October 25, 1978  
(if the date or day of week is an essential element of offense charged, the day or date must be specifically set forth.)  
Participants were (If there were participants, place their names here, repeating the name of above defendant):

James Orcutt, Dan Vladetich

- (2) The acts committed by the accused were: \* That the said Defendant violated Section 2701 of the Penna. Crimes Code (SIMPLE ASSAULT) when the Defendant did cause or intentionally, knowingly or recklessly caused bodily injury to another (Dan Vladetich) by punching him about the face. This information received from Dan Vladetich, which I believe to be true and correct.

all of which were against the peace and dignity of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and contrary to the Act of Assembly, or in violation of 2701 (Section) and (a) (1) (Sub-section) of the Act of Pa. Crimes Code or the Ordinance of (Political Subdivision)

- (3) I ask that a warrant of arrest or a summons be issued and that the accused be required to answer the charges I have made, and I swear to or affirm the within complaint upon my knowledge, information and belief, sign it on 11-1-78, before J. Bednarz

EXECUTED this 1st day of Nov. 1978

personally appeared before me on Nov. 1st, 1978, the affiant above named who, being duly sworn (Affirmed) according to law, signed this complaint in my presence and deposed and said that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of affiant's knowledge, information and belief.

AND NOW, this date Nov. 1st, 1978, I certify the complaint has been properly sworn to and executed before me, and there is probable cause for issuance of process.  
11-1-78 (Magisterial District)  
John R. Swin (Signature of Affiant)  
John Bednarz (Issuing Authority) (SEAL)  
John Bednarz (Issuing Authority) (SEAL)

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/12/79

[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute.

[redacted] advised that he was a [redacted] for Wachenhut Security and was assaulted by [redacted] on October 25, 1978, at approximately 6:00 a.m. [redacted] advised that after this, he gave a sworn affidavit to [redacted], who is [redacted] for the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. [redacted] advised that he wished to make this sworn statement given to [redacted] a part of the official record and the following is a transcription of this sworn statement:

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"October 29, 1978

"My name is [redacted]. I am employed by Wachenhut as an [redacted] and have been so employed since September of 1978. I live at [redacted]. I am [redacted] years of age.

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"On Wednesday, October 25, 1978, at approximately 6:00 a.m., I was riding in the second of two vans that were carrying employees to work at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. [redacted] was riding in the van with me and [redacted] was riding in the first van. Both [redacted] are also [redacted] and we were riding in these vans as escorts because there had been some trouble earlier that morning when the first group of employees arrived for work.

"The two vans came to a stop at the curb on North Main Street with the first van opposite the main doors to the publishing company building. I would estimate that there were approximately twenty pickets present when the vans arrived.

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"The first van started unloading with the employees walking across the sidewalk towards the publishing company. [ ] and I both got out of the second van and were standing beside the van on the sidewalk holding the employees in the van until those from the first van could enter the building. Several uniformed Wachenhut guards had come out of the building and were attempting to form a corridor for the employees to walk through. When the employees started exiting the first van, the pickets became very unruly. There was much loud and abusive language, several rocks and many eggs were being thrown and the pickets were pushing around the guards and employees.

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"At this time I saw [ ] grab a very small and young looking uniformed guard and drag him back in among the pickets. The pickets and [ ] then began punching and shoving the guard so I stepped in and attempted to intervene. I walked between [ ] and the guard and said something to the effect of 'Break it up.' [ ] immediately turned on me hitting me on the left side of my head. I held him off with my arm and said 'that is enough.' Someone then grabbed me from behind and held me back. [ ] then hit me several times about the face and head while I was being held. I was able to break free from the people holding me and I lunged forward grabbing [ ]. We began to struggle and fell on the sidewalk. At this point, while [ ] and I were wrestling around on the ground, I was kicked several times by various unidentified people.

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"I managed to get back to my feet and was immediately grabbed again and held by several people. As these people held me by my arms, pulling my arms out horizontal to the ground in opposite directions, [ ], who had also gotten up, began to punch me in the face repeatedly. Then, while I was still being held by these people, standing there dazed and bleeding profusely from my nose, [ ] proceeded to kick me twice in the area of my groin.

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"Apparently due to my struggling and the force of the recoil from [ ] blows the sleeve of my coat was torn loose and my jacket was ripped in half. I fell to my knees and received several more kicks from [ ] and people standing around and at least one blow to the back of my head from what felt like a karate chop.

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"I attempted to get to my feet and was knocked backwards by [ ] and fell on my back on the sidewalk with [ ] on top of me. [ ] and at least two other people then continued to beat and kick me. I believe that someone then pulled [ ] off of the top of me although I cannot be sure; but somehow I was able to struggle back to my feet.

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"By this time my coat was almost completely torn off exposing the fact that I was carrying a pistol. [ ] and at least two other individuals then began to force me back into the alleyway between the publishing company and veteran's administration building. The pickets began yelling that I had a gun and several different hands were trying to grab my pistol. I was able to get my pistol out of its holster and held it with both hands up next to my chest in an effort to prevent the pickets from taking it away from me.

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"Somehow I was knocked to the pavement in the alleyway and I fell on my stomach in an attempt to continue to protect my pistol. I was still holding the pistol next to my chest and people were pulling at my arms while the pickets were screaming for someone to get my gun. At this time I was being brutally kicked while somebody was on my back holding me down. I received most of the kicks along the left side of my body. I remember receiving several kicks in the head and face with one kick hitting me in my left cheek and eye. I was also kicked repeatedly along my left side and recall receiving several kicks in the region of my lower back around my left kidney.



"During this time I was making certain that I did not hold the pistol near the trigger so that the possibility of an accidental misfire could be avoided. I held the pistol with my left hand around the barrel and cylinder and my right hand over the top of my left.

"Although at this time I was barely conscious, I remember someone prying my arms away from my chest and badge. I then recall a flash of light off to my left. Immediately thereafter I rolled to my left and attempted to stand up. As I did so I realized in looking that it was [redacted] who had been holding me down while the others were kicking me. I was then able to regain my feet and ran through several pickets and towards the front door. As I rounded the corner of the building and reached the doorway I received one final kick in the back that knocked me through the doorway and into the front entrance hall of the publishing company building. The pickets began to charge the front door but the guards were able to keep the door closed.

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"Shortly thereafter the police arrived and I remember an officer, whose name I cannot recall, asking for my pistol. I then voluntarily gave him my pistol which I had replaced in my holster after entering the building. I was then taken to the hospital in the police cruiser along with [redacted] who was also injured in the melee. During the ride to the hospital [redacted] informed the officers that he was also armed and they took his pistol when we reached the hospital.

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"I have read the foregoing statement consisting of five (5) handwritten pages and swear that it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

"/s/ [redacted]"

[ ] advised that in addition to the foregoing statement, he wished to add that it took the Wilkes-Barre Police Department approximately five to ten minutes to respond to the incident. He stated that he couldn't say anything about the police actions during that night as he does not remember anything from when the fight started. [ ] advised that criminal charges were filed against [ ] by Wilkes-Barre Police Chief SWIM that included harassment, simple assault and disorderly conduct. [ ] advised that after all doctors had submitted their reports to Chief SWIM that Chief SWIM went before the magistrate and changed the charges to aggravated assault. [ ] further advised that there have been numerous hearings before Magistrate BEDNARDZ on the matter. [ ] wished to add that no final decision on the matter has been reached. [ ] further stated that [ ] and an individual named [ ] filed charges against [ ] for harassment and that [ ] has received a summons in the mail for these charges.

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The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:

Address:

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Permanent

Address:

Occupation:

Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Previous

Occupation:

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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[redacted]  
[redacted], furnished the following attached  
signed statement:

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by SAs [redacted] and RDA: dmt Date dictated 1/17/79

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[REDACTED]

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
January 8, 1979

I, [REDACTED], hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [REDACTED] [REDACTED], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

I am currently a Patrolman with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and have been so employed for the last [REDACTED] years.

On October 25, 1978, at approximately 6:03 a.m., [REDACTED], and myself were in a police cruiser in the vicinity of Mary Mc Intosh Cleaners, 165 North Main Street, when I heard over the radio that there was a disorderly group and a fight in progress at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre. My partner and I immediately responded to the call and were there in approximately thirty seconds. When we arrived at the scene, there were approximately fifteen pickets outside the publishing company pushing and shouting, "He's got a gun, he's got a gun." My partner and I entered the building and observed a man later identified as [REDACTED] bleeding profusely from

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the nose and mouth with a holstered gun on his hip. Officer [ ] asked him if he was licensed to carry this weapon and he indicated that he was a police officer in the Pittsburgh area. Officer [ ] took the weapon from [ ] and advised him that if the gun was licensed, it would be returned to him. [ ] and another injured man were then escorted to Wilkes-Barre police cruiser #2 where they were transported by Officers [ ] and [ ] to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for examination and treatment.

Shortly thereafter my partner received information that [ ], who was reportedly involved in the incident, was carrying a .357. [ ] and I proceeded to the union strike headquarters and requested a meeting with [ ]. During this meeting [ ] advised that he would never carry a gun and no gun was observed on his person. My partner and I returned to the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company where Officer [ ] was given a list of individuals who had also reportedly been assaulted by [ ]

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I have been given no special instructions with regard to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incident in which a



[REDACTED]

Wilkes-Barre police officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

[REDACTED]

I have Read this statement consisting of this page and two others including it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

AA, FBI Scranton, Pa. 1/16/79

SA, FBI Scranton, Pa. 1/16/79

Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
January 8, 1979

[redacted]  
I, [redacted], hereby make the following  
statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents  
(SAs) [redacted],  
who have identified themselves to me as SAs of the  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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I am currently a Patrolman with the Wilkes-Barre  
Police Department (WBPD) and have been so employed since  
1964.

On October 25, 1978, at 6:03 a.m., I was on  
duty in a police cruiser with a fellow officer, [redacted]  
[redacted] and at  
[redacted] in the vicinity of the Mary Mc Intosh Cleaners,  
165 North Main Street, [redacted] in a burglar alarm case.  
when I heard a call over the radio  
that there was a disorderly group and a fight in progress  
at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, located at 15 North  
Main Street. My partner and I responded immediately and  
were on the scene within thirty seconds of the call. When  
we arrived, there were approximately fifteen pickets outside  
the publishing company who were pushing and shouting, "He's  
got a gun, he's got a gun." I asked one of the individuals  
in the crowd where the man with the gun was and he pointed  
into the foyer of the publishing company. My partner and  
I entered the building and observed a man later identified [redacted]

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Date of transcription 1/17/79

[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following attached  
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SAs [redacted] and  
by [redacted] RDA:dmt Date dictated 1/17/79

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[redacted] as [redacted] bleeding profusely from the nose and mouth. [redacted] also had a holstered colt .38 snub-nose.

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I asked him if he was licensed to carry the weapon and

[redacted] *.38 Colt Detective Special, SA 3477, loaded with six 3/8 .38 caliber bullet per*  
he replied that he was a police officer in the Pittsburgh  
[redacted] *.38 Colt Detective Special, SA 3477, loaded with six 3/8 .38 caliber bullet per*  
area. I took the weapon from his holster and advised him

that if he was licensed to carry the gun, that it would be returned to him. I then escorted [redacted] along with another injured man and placed them in Wilkes-Barre police car #2. Wilkes-Barre Police Officers [redacted] then transported the two injured individuals to the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital for examination and treatment.

I was then asked by [redacted]

[redacted] *since I took*  
[redacted] why, if I was going to take  
[redacted] *mean*  
the gun away from the Wachenhut security man, didn't I also confiscate [redacted] .357. I asked how he knew [redacted] had a .357 and [redacted] stated that he had seen it today and on one previous date at a motel. My partner and I then proceeded to the headquarters of the striking employees and we asked [redacted] to meet with us. [redacted] met with us almost immediately and advised that he did not carry a gun. At the time of this meeting he was wearing a tight short sleeved shirt and had removed his jacket. It was [redacted] *but did have a weapon on his side*  
apparent that he was not carrying a gun at the time. My partner and I then returned to the Wilkes-Barre Publishing

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[redacted] and informed them [redacted] was unarmored. [redacted] said, "He [redacted] it."  
[redacted] Company, and received a list of names from the editor of [redacted] as  
given by [redacted], Editor of the paper, names of persons alleged by  
the paper, all of whom reportedly had been assaulted by

[redacted] These individuals are as follows:

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[redacted]

Following the incident, a written report was  
filed with police headquarters. I am unaware of any assault  
on [redacted] by [redacted] which reportedly  
occurred at about the same time that [redacted] was  
assaulted.

I was given no special instructions with regard  
to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre  
Publishing Company and carried out my duties as a police  
officer. I have no knowledge of any incidents in which a  
Wilkes-Barre police officer failed to perform his duty or  
respond to a complaint during the current strike at the  
Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company [redacted]

*I have read the above statement consisting  
of this page and (2) other pages and find it to be  
true and correct. I have initialed each page and  
all corrections.* [redacted] *File.*  
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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/12/79

[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute. Following this, he was interviewed and provided the following signed statement:

"January 9, 1979  
"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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"I, [redacted], furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises or duress were used to get me to make this statement. I have been advised that it may be used in a court of law. I live at [redacted], and I can read and write the English language.

"On October 14, 1978, at approximately 2:00 a.m., I was in a van with approximately nine other persons trying to exit the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company plant at the Washington Street exit. While the van was trying to exit the gate it was blocked by approximately ten to twelve pickets. The pickets pounded on the van for approximately ten to fifteen minutes. The pickets then backed off and the van was allowed to leave the driveway. As the van was exiting the driveway, one or more of the pickets shattered the rear passenger window of the van. During the entire episode which lasted approximately twenty minutes, there was a Wilkes-Barre Police Department patrolman standing and observing the blocking of the van by the picketers and the breaking of the window. This patrolman did nothing to stop the picketers nor did he do anything to arrest the individual who broke the glass in the door. I do not know the identity of the patrolman.

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SAs [redacted]

by [redacted] JFS:dmt Date dictated 1/11/79

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"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one additional handwritten page. I have initialed each page and correction and now sign it because it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 9, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 9, 1979."

The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

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Name:  
Home Address:  
  
Telephone:  
Occupation:

[redacted]

Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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Date of transcription 1/12/79

[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute. Following this, [redacted] advised that on October 17, 1978, he had given a sworn affidavit regarding an incident that had taken place on October 9, 1978, to [redacted] for the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. [redacted] advised that he wished to have his affidavit be made a part of the official record and that if a signed statement was taken, it would be exactly the same as his affidavit. The affidavit of [redacted] given on October 17, 1978, and notarized by [redacted] on November 4, 1978, is attached.

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## AFFIDAVIT

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA )  
 )  
COUNTY OF LUZERNE )

[redacted], being first  
duly sworn on his oath states that he is a person of lawful age  
and further deposes and states:

1. I am [redacted] years of age.

2. I reside at [redacted]

3. My home phone number is [redacted].

4. I am employed by Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, as a [redacted] and have  
been so employed since [redacted].

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<sup>10-9-78 WPA.</sup>  
Late Monday afternoon I was back by [redacted] office talking and saw the guards  
run by with fire extinguishers. I ran to the newsroom and looked out the window.  
When I looked out I saw the guards trying to swing the gates shut. As the guards  
tried to close the gate they were sprayed with something by the pickets and were  
forced back and the pickets would then push the gates open again. The guards then  
used the fire extinguishers to force back the pickets and tried to close the gates  
again but the pickets would run up and swing or kick the gates back open. This  
went back and forth several times and finally the guards were able to close the  
gates. Once the gates were closed, I left the window and went back to the cafeteria  
area.

Later that evening I heard a commotion in the back of the building. I ran back to  
the window in the back of the building and saw two vans with the guards jumping out  
of them. The windows in the first van were shattered and the windows in the second  
one were cracked. Some of the guards were jumping over the fence getting into the  
compound. As this was going on rocks were being thrown at the guards by pickets  
and pickets were coming at the guards up the alleyway. Some of the guards were  
picking up rocks and throwing them back towards the pickets. The guards finally  
got one van in the compound. While they were getting the van in, pickets were still  
throwing rocks at them. After one van and the guards were in the compound, I left  
the window.

Between 10:15 and 11:00 p.m. that same night I was in the mailing room with [redacted]  
[redacted] We had cameras and were trying to get pictures of people throwing rocks.  
I heard a commotion in the front business office and ran out into the business  
office. I got up on a table by a pillar and looked out the window to take pictures.  
I observed two men in the driveway between the buildings by the business office and  
circulation department. One man I did not recognize but the other I recognized as  
[redacted]. [redacted] had been pointed out to me by a fellow employee on the preceding  
Saturday. I saw the man who I recognized as Orcutt pick up what looked like a chair  
and break out a window. He then picked up a fire extinguisher and broke out another  
window. The two men then ran back down towards the gate. I then ran up to the front  
window and took a picture of the police closing the front gate. I waited a minute  
and saw that the police had formed a line around the front gate. I then went back  
upstairs to the cafeteria area.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this 17th day of October 1978.

[redacted]  
Notary Public, Luzerne County,  
Pennsylvania

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My Commission Expires: Nov 4, 1978

[redacted] advised that during his affidavit he swore that the incidents took place, but he could not definitely state that the Wilkes-Barre Police Department was present and watched the incident and did nothing about it. He also advised that the pictures that he was taking during the entire time did not turn out because of a reflection from the glass.

The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

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Name:  
Home Address:

Telephone:  
Occupation:

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Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription

[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute. Following this, he was interviewed and furnished a signed statement which is as follows:

"January 10, 1979  
"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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"I, [redacted] furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises or duress were used to get me to make the statement. I have been advised that it may be used in a court of law. I live at [redacted] Barre, Pa., and I can read and write the English language.

"On October 9, 1978, between 4:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., two Wackenhut guards sprayed a group of pickets with a water hose from the roof of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. This caused the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., [redacted] Wilkes-Barre Police Department [redacted] former Chief of Police RUDDICK, the Chief of Traffic Control for the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and one other Wilkes-Barre police official to come to the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. This happened very shortly after the hose incident.

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"Mayor LISMAN did most of the talking for the group and said he was at the paper because of the hose incident and some of his own men had been sprayed with water. During the entire

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"conversation the mayor insinuated that the police couldn't control the crowds and what could be expected from a group coming in from out of town and causing the whole problem. The mayor insinuated that the problem was Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company had put up a fence, a television camera and then the hose incident. The mayor said he could not stop the problem because there are only 90 policemen in Wilkes-Barre and Wilkes-Barre is a union town and the union could get together 7,000 people and tear the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company apart brick by brick. The mayor also insinuated that the whole Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company are out-of-towners and the security people were from out of town and most of them were black and Wilkes-Barre isn't use to black people. Nothing was resolved as a result of this meeting and the mayor and police officials left the building after approximately thirty minutes.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one additional handwritten page. I have initialed each page and correction and now sign it because it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 10, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
Scranton, Pa., January 10, 1979."

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[redacted] advised that on October 11, 1978, he did an affidavit regarding an incident that occurred on October 9, 1978, that was notarized on October 26, 1978, by [redacted] Notary Republic, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. This statement [redacted] advised was given to [redacted] who is an [redacted] for the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. [redacted] advised that he wished to place this affidavit as a formal part of the interview. The following is the affidavit:

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"October 11, 1978

"On Monday, October 9, 1978, at approximately 8:00 p.m., I was in my office doing paper work. I heard noise outside and heard someone yell that the 'two vans can't get in the gate.' I came out of my office and went back to the rear windows overlooking the parking compound and the fire lane. I saw that two vans had stopped right by the gate and the guards were getting out of the vans. Several guards had climbed on top of the vans and were attempting to jump over the fence and into the compound. During this time rocks were being thrown at the guards by people in the other parking lot adjacent to the company compound. I also noticed that some pickets were advancing towards the vans down the fire lane from Washington Street. Some of the guards grabbed boards and went down to the end of the vans and were holding the boards to protect their people as they got into the fenced in area. The gate was locked and the guards could not find the key. Having an extra key in my pocket, I gave the key to a guard who took it down and opened up the gate. When the gate was opened the guards got the first van started and into the compound. The other van could not be started so the guards left it in the fire lane and came into the building. Other than the stone throwing I saw no other physical contact but I did see that the windshield of the first van had been shattered.

"Later that evening sometime between 10:00 and 11:00 p.m., I was in [redacted] office taking pictures out of the window. I heard noise and someone yell that they were coming through the gate. I immediately ran into the Business Office and stopped behind the window nearest the guard shack and stood there behind the file cabinets. [redacted] were also in the Circulation Department Business Office with me. I could hear windows being smashed and from my location could see the people coming.

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"I began looking through the viewfinder of the instamatic camera that I had and tried to take pictures. I saw [ ] with a fire extinguisher in his hand. He raised the fire extinguisher and threw it at the window and shattered the window glass. Then I heard another window crash and when I looked over, I saw [ ] pick up a garbage pail and throw it at a different window. The pail bounced off the window and [ ] then picked up a pole approximately five feet long and threw that at the window. I then saw the police come in and force the people back out into the street."

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The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:  
Home Address:

Telephone:  
Occupation:

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Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/12/79

[redacted] was informed of the identities of the interviewing agents as well as the fact that she was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute. Following this she was interviewed and furnished a signed statement which is as follows:

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"January 9, 1979  
"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"I, [redacted], furnish the following voluntary statement to [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No threats or promises or duress were used to get me to make this statement. I have been advised that it may be used in a court of law. I live at [redacted] and I can read and write the English language.

"On October 8, 1978, I was inside the building of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company in the area that was the old cafeteria space. I was standing on a desk top to observe the gate area and Main Street. There were several cars in a line trying to get out the gate. They could not go anywhere because the driveway area was blocked by picketers. The people decided they could not get out of the gate, so they attempted to close the gate. At this attempt the picketers 'swarmed through' the gate and climbed on the vehicles. I don't know if they damaged the cars.

"I observed twelve (12) policemen in uniform standing on the sidewalk and in the street.

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by SAs [redacted] JES:dmt Date dictated 1/11/79

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"No attempt was made on the part of any policeman to help the people inside the gate area to leave the property. I also observed a policeman pushed or shoved to the ground when the picketers started rushing towards the gate.

"I have read the above statement consisting of this and one additional handwritten page. I have initialed each page and correction and now sign it because it is true and correct.

"/s/ [redacted]

"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 9, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Scranton, Pa., January 9, 1979."

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The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

Name:  
Home Address:

Telephone:  
Employment:

[redacted]

Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Date of transcription 1/17/79

[redacted]  
[redacted], furnished the following attached  
signed statement:

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Investigation on 1/10, 16/79 at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. File # PH 44-3219 (RA)

by SAs [redacted] and PH: dmt Date dictated 1/17/79

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January 10, 1979  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

[ ] I, [ ] hereby make the following statement  
freely and voluntarily to Special Agents, [ ]  
[ ], who have identified them-  
selves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation (FBI).

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I am currently a [ ] with the Wilkes-Barre  
Police Department and have been employed with the depart-  
ment for approximately [ ]. On October 13,  
1978, I was working the day shift. I recall that on this  
date a Luzerne County Court Order was issued regarding a  
strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, located at  
15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. I believe the  
court gave the responsibility of enforcing this order to  
the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department. As a result of  
this court order, the entire Wilkes-Barre Police Department  
was relieved of twelve hour work shifts, which had been  
instituted earlier in the week in an effort to insure that  
peace and order was maintained at the publishing company.  
I believe that I first learned of the court injunction after  
I arrived back at the police station following an armed [ ]



[redacted] robbery which occurred that day. I met with the Chief of Police, at which time he advised that due to a court injunction, there was no need for twelve hour work shifts any longer, due to the fact that the Sheriff was taking over. I believe that, what this meant was, that the Sheriff was going to be on the scene to carry out the court order, and we would be called in only if assistance were needed. Our police cruisers, of course, would continue to patrol the area of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

At the time of the injunction on October 13, 1978, I was the [redacted] and issued no special instructions with regards to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, other than advising [redacted] that, should any arrests be made, that it would be their responsibility to process the individuals so that the uniformed officers could get back to the scene. I have no knowledge of any arrests being made of individuals connected with the strike during my work shifts.

I was given no special instructions with regards to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre Police Officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre [redacted]

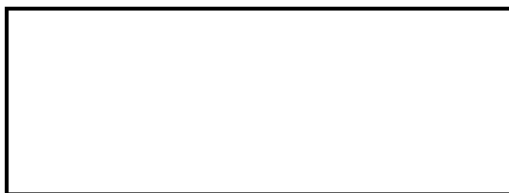
[redacted] Publishing Company. During all meetings of which I am aware between my superiors and the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., I am unaware of any decisions that were made which would have caused the Wilkes-Barre Police Department not to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. During all meetings in which I was present, the decision was made that the department must remain neutral in the strike, with no partiality shown whatsoever, and that law and order must be maintained. [redacted]

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*I have read the above statement consisting of this page and two other pages and find it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.*



W. J. Weiss



SA, 151, Scranton, Pa 1/16/79

AA, F.B.I. Scranton, Pa 1/16/79

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Date of transcription 1/17/79

[redacted]  
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January 10, 1979  
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[redacted] I, [redacted] hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [redacted]  
[redacted], who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

I am currently a Patrolman with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and have been so employed for the last [redacted] years. During the month of October, 1978, I became aware of a strike by union employees of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. I also became aware that shortly after the beginning of this strike, a Luzerne County Court Order was issued which apparently limited the number of picketors at the publishing company and also insure that the publishing company's vehicles could enter and leave their property without obstruction in addition to several other items which I am not fully aware of. It is my understanding that the Luzerne County Court gave the responsibility of enforcing the court order to the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department.

[redacted]

[redacted] Some time following the issuance of this court order, I was in the vicinity of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, and observed a striking employee block a newspaper vehicle from entering the newspaper grounds. Being aware of the injunction, I advised the individual that if he did not remove himself that I would be forced to place him under arrest. This individual failed to move and, as a result, I placed him into my police van and transported him to the Wilkes-Barre Police Department for booking. While in the police station and prior to the individual being officially charged, I was met by a man who introduced himself as [redacted]. This individual advised that he was associated with the striking union employees and implied that he had previously made arrangements with ranking police officers in the department to handle situations like this. He insured that he would keep this particular individual off the picket line to avoid further trouble. I then released this individual to [redacted].

I do not recall the exact name of the individual in which I transported to the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, however, I wrote a report on the incident and it should be on file with the police department.

I was given no special instructions with regards to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] Publishing Company, and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have no knowledge of any incidents in which a Wilkes-Barre Police Officer failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

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*I have read this statement consisting of this page and two others, finding it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all cautions.*

WITNESS

[redacted]  
[redacted] S.A. FBI Scranton, Pa. 1-16-79  
[redacted] S.A. FBI, Scranton, Pa. 1-16-79

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[redacted], employed as a [redacted] for the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper, 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., furnished the following signed statement:

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"Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

"January 9, 1979

"I, [redacted], hereby make the following statement freely and voluntarily to Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] who have identified themselves as Special Agents of the F.B.I.

"On approximately November 2, 1978, between the hours of three and five p.m., a conversation was held between myself and Detective [redacted] at the Wilkes-Barre Police Department's Detective Office. During the conversation Detective [redacted] advised that [redacted] who was in charge of the Detectives, had in October, 1978, called in all the Detectives for a brief meeting. During this meeting [redacted] ordered all the Detectives to stay away from the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper building and not to interfere in any way with uniform officers in the handling of any incidents at that location. This upset [redacted] due to the fact that he felt the situation demanded supervisory personnel.

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"In addition, on October 10, 1978, at 11:30 p.m., I observed 32 pickets marching in front of the newspaper building's front gate. The street had been barricaded on each end in order to halt any flow of vehicular traffic.

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"As the union pickets were marching, a Wilkes-Barre police cruiser having license number MG55351 drove past the barricades. The two officers in the cruiser pulled up to the pickets and handed the pickets several bags from Dunkin Doughnuts. Doughnuts and coffee were observed being distributed amongst the picketers.

"I have read this statement consisting of this page and one other, finding it to be true and correct, I have initialed each page and all corrections.

"/s/ [redacted]

"January 9, 1979

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"WITNESSED: /s/ [redacted] Special Agent,  
FBI, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., January 9, 1979  
/s/ [redacted] Special Agent, FBI,  
Scranton, Pa., January 9, 1979."

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>ATLANTA</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE <b>1/24/79</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/15/79</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNSUB; WILKES - BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA POLICE DEPT.; WACKENHUT CORPORATION EMPLOYEES - VICTIMS</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>rk</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION; CR</b>	

REFERENCE: Philadelphia LHM, 10/27/78.  
Bureau facsimile airtel to Philadelphia, 12/15/78.  
Philadelphia airtel to Miami, 1/5/79.

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## ADMINISTRATIVE

whose interview is set forth in this report was advised at the outset that this investigation is being conducted at the specific request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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## Copy to:

Report of:

SA [REDACTED]

Office: ATLANTA

Date:

January 24, 1979

Field Office File #:

44-5224

Bureau File #:

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
WILKES - BARRE,  
PENNSYLVANIA POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
WACKENHUT CORPORATION EMPLOYEES -  
VICTIMSb6  
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Character:

DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION; CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] employed  
by Wackenhut Corporation, declined to be interviewed.

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DETAILS:

The following is the results of a limited investigation.

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[redacted]  
[redacted] telephone [redacted] was contacted at his residence. At the inception of the interview, [redacted] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the nature of the investigation being conducted. In addition, he was advised that any information furnished by him could be used in a court of law.

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[redacted] stated he would decline to be interviewed in this matter, inasmuch as he had no desire or intention in returning to Pennsylvania to testify in this matter. He said he did not feel there was going to be any action taken against the authorities at Wilkes - Barre, Pennsylvania, and he "did not want to get involved."

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File # AT 44-5224  
PH 44-3219

by SA [redacted] /rk

Date dictated 1/15/79

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REPORTING OFFICE <b>MIAMI</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE <b>1/30/79</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/24/79</b>
TITLE OF CASE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, POLICE DEPT.; WACKENHUT CORPORATION<sup>2</sup> EMPLOYEES VICTIMS</b>		REPORT MADE BY <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; height: 20px;"></div>	TYPED BY <b>dkh</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE <b>- DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION; CR (B)</b>	

REFERENCE

Philadelphia airtel to Miami, 1/5/79.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Persons furnishing information set forth herein were advised that statement made and information furnished could be used in a court of law.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Copy to: 1 - United States Attorney, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Report of:

Date:

[REDACTED]  
January 30, 1979

Office: Miami, Florida

Field Office File #:

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Bureau File #:

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Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
WACKENHUT CORPORATION EMPLOYEES -  
VICTIMS

Character:

DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION;  
CIVIL RIGHTS

Synopsis:

Wackenhut Corporation, Miami, furnished statement given by [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] interviewed and furnished instances of inaction on the part of the Wilkes-Barre Police Dept. in Luzerne County, Pennsylvania, authorities and the statements made by other authorities.

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DETAILS:This is a limited investigation.

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[redacted] Wackenhut Corporation, 3280 Ponce de Leon, Coral Gables, Florida, furnished a statement which he took from [redacted] a copy of which is hereinafter set forth:

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by SA [redacted] dlh Date dictated 1/30/79

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This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

I, [redacted], age [redacted] do give this statement to [redacted] who has identified himself to me as a representative of The Wackenhut Corporation; and do so of my own free will and without fear. No threats, promises, or coercion, has been made to me. I declare the following to be true to the best of my knowledge.

I reside at [redacted] Telephone [redacted] I am presently unemployed. On October 10, 1978 I was hired to be the [redacted] by The Wackenhut Corporation on a strike at the Wilkes Barre Times Leader newspaper in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. I left for Wilkes Barre on that date and finished the job on November 26, 1978. When I arrived in Wilkes Barre [redacted]

[redacted] who had been [redacted] up to this point. My first [redacted] who arrived with me. His job was to [redacted] the [redacted] [redacted] was mostly in an advisory position and had been taking care of the administrative duties until I came. [redacted] also assisted me in administrative duties, and he arrived on October 17. He handled the guards in the evening hours.

There were approximately 150 Wackenhut guards when I arrived. About 120 of the guards were black, and the remainder were white. On October 11, 1978 Wackenhut guards arrived from various other areas, bringing the total number of guards up to 235. 80% of the total guards were black, and most of those who were black came from the Washington, D.C. and Baltimore areas.

Once I arrived I attempted to contact [redacted] to discuss conditions and my assuming the job of [redacted] I tried to contact him at the Howard Johnson Motel in Pittston, Pennsylvania. However, one of his bodyguards answered the telephone and would not put me through to him. I never actually saw or spoke with [redacted].

On October 10, 1978 [redacted], who were assisting me did manage to see [redacted]. [redacted] told them that he was \$1,000.00 overdrawn in his checking account which he maintained to run the strike operation. The checking account was in his name, rather than that of The Wackenhut Corporation. He used the money mainly for per diem for the guards, lodging, and things of that nature. At no time did [redacted] state that he had paid any of the guards per diem money out of his own pocket in anticipation of receiving money from Wackenhut headquarters.

Approximately four days later one of [redacted] bodyguards brought me a cardboard box filled with various Company forms and a few loose spread sheets. These were the only records that were turned over to me.

On October 11, 1978 I attended a meeting with [redacted] of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader newspaper, and [redacted] for the publishing company, at the Treadway Inn in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The meeting apparently had been called by [redacted] as a result of a white woman being raped by allegedly black Wackenhut guards on October 10. [redacted] was extremely upset and expressed his fear of potential violence as a result of the rape. He ordered me to remove all my black guards from the Wilkes-Barre strike. Previous to this what with realizing the antagonism of the pickets and the police against black guards, I had assigned them guard positions inside where they would not be observed.

[redacted] stated that as a result of the rape he was extremely fearful for the safety of the Wackenhut guards due to the racial tense situation. He felt that the black guards presence was aggravating the whole situation. In reference to the rape, the rape was allegedly committed on a white woman by three blacks. Suspects were three former Wackenhut guards who had been terminated earlier on the day of the rape. However, there also was a black suspect from town, and a white Master Host Inn lifeguard. Subsequently, all but one of our former guards were cleared. Also adding to the tense situation was the fact that the Citizens Voice, a union newspaper which started publication on October 9, blamed every negative thing that occurred in the area on the black Wackenhut guards. [redacted] was apparently terrified each day that he had to pass the pickets when he came to work. The Times Leader had stopped daily publication at this time. The last edition that had been published appeared on October 8, 1978. He intended to publish the next edition on 10/13/78, and he felt that if the black guards were removed before the next publication it might offset picket violence. After he ordered the removal of the Wackenhut guards from the strike, [redacted] stated that the publishing company would take full and total responsibility for this action. [redacted] then reminded me that the publishing company was our client, and again demanded removal of our black guards. He wanted them not only removed from the guard site, but from Wilkes-Barre. Both [redacted] impressed me with the fact that the demands were based on pressure from the tense racial situation, the pickets, and the police, and was not initiated because they were prejudiced against blacks.

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I told them that The Wackenhut Corporation was an equal opportunity employer, nationwide, and that I would have to contact Wackenhut Headquarters in Coral Gables, Florida, before I could take any action. They agreed. So, on October 11, 1978 I contacted [redacted] of the Philadelphia Wackenhut office, James Barclay, Director of Special Services, and Wackenhut [redacted]. I was told later that [redacted] reached an agreement on the wording of a release which would be given to The Wackenhut Corporation relieving our Company of the responsibility for the removal of the black guards. In the meanwhile, based on the above, I started rounding up my black guards for their termination and transfer home. I held at least three meetings in the ballroom of the Master Host Inn on October 11, and October 12, 1978, during which time I advised them of the decision and reasons for their termination. I told them the truth about why they were being relieved, that is, the totally unacceptable and dangerous racial situation, the stated lack of police protection, the concern of the client for their safety, and the demands of the client for their removal, all of which was brought to a head by the alleged rape.

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Initially, the guards wanted to stay and fight. Then, the cooler headed guards voiced their opinion that because they were black they would always be wrong in the eyes of the police, "so let's all leave". All the blacks concurred with this feeling. Some of the guards, after the meeting, approached me and said they did not feel they were being treated fairly, but stated they would leave anyway. I told them I would arrange their transportation home. However, several guards left on their own without waiting for transportation. Others left traveling in their own cars. I chartered a bus for those who wanted to ride home by bus.

I tried to obtain signed releases from all the guards. Once they learned they were terminated I was only able to get approximately 15 or so signed releases. The releases that the guards signed relieved The Wackenhut Corporation of any responsibility regarding the guards termination. In about two releases I promised the guards a job elsewhere, and told those guards to contact the Area Manager who sent them to the strike. I said that the Manager would do



his best to secure for me another job. Since most of the guards did not approach me and demand a job somewhere else I made no other commitments.

I wish to point out that during this time I was also involved in running and coordinating the remaining guards on their shifts and at their posts.

[redacted] advised me later, on October 11, that everything had been agreed to and that it was allright to terminate the black guards. He dictated a release to me which he wanted me to have [redacted] sign regarding the dismissal of the above guards. I had the release typed up and presented it to [redacted] as directed by [redacted]. [redacted] declined to sign the release because of a clause which stated that the publishing company would pay the difference if any, in salary of dismissed guards who found employment elsewhere, if the wage was not as high as they received while working the Wilkes-Barre strike.

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I might interject at this point that [redacted] was relieved of duty and fired on October 10. He was advised of this by [redacted]. After his dismissal, the black guards would not take direct orders from me. Some would take orders only from their Supervisor who was in command when they originally came to work at the strike. Most of my orders had to be relayed through these Supervisors. This also added to the confusion and lack of control at this time.

Approximately 150 black guards were terminated, but it must be realized that I, after initially appraising the whole situation, had decided to reduce the overall guard strike force to 100 guards. That was all that I felt were needed. Although the guards left without incident or active opposition, generally it was understood that they were not happy with the situation.

During the morning of October 11, 1978 Mayor Walter Lisman met me at the outside of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Publishing Company building. In our discussion he told me that Wilkes-Barre had only one or two blacks who resided in town, and that the presence "of all your niggers" in town was very upsetting. He suggested that I get most, if not all of them, out of town before more trouble occurred.

On the same date Chief Ruddick, of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, spoke with me at Police Headquarters. He asked me how many "niggers" I had in town, and when I told him he said that it would be best if I got them out of town because Wilkes-Barre was very upset by their presence. He stated that his department was not big enough to cope with the potential violence if the "niggers" remained.

On occasion while the strike was continuing I spoke with various Wilkes-Barre policemen and they would continuously refer to the black guards as "niggers".

During the evening of October 13, 1978, at approximately 10:00 P.M., I was driving the lead van of four Wackenhut vans which were leaving the publishing company enroute to the post office. I inadvertently made an illegal right turn on a red signal. I was immediately pulled over to the side by a Wilkes-Barre Police squad car. The officer who was driving, who I can describe as a white male approximately [redacted] years old, [redacted] lbs., light sandy hair, [redacted] approached me. I got out of the van to speak to him. He told me I made an illegal turn and proceeded to write me a ticket. In the meanwhile a crowd of approximately 200 people gathered on both sides of the street. Suddenly a man from across the street yelling obscenities directed at me, eluded a policeman who had arrived on the scene and was holding back the crowd and ran towards me and the officer. This drew the attention of both of us. When the officer saw this man running at us he interrupted the writing of the ticket, looked at the

man approaching us, flipped his ticket book closed, and ran back into the crowd on the other side of the squad car. The man who came running over from the other side of the street continued to yell at me, and spit on the right side of my face. After approximately 30 seconds of verbal abuse he ran off into the crowd. About a minute later the officer who had started to give me a ticket returned and finished writing it. I asked him if he saw what happened? He looked up, smiled, and said "nothing happened" and then gave me the ticket. I can identify the officer if I saw him again, but I don't know his name. His name would probably be on the ticket.

I recall another incident on October 16, 1978 while I was staying at the Master Host Inn. At approximately 8:00 P.M. [redacted] was returning from the Master Host Inn lobby crossing the parking lot heading toward the motel section. He spied a large group of men walking towards the Wackenhut vans parked in the parking lot. When he saw this he called out and asked them what they were doing. When this happened the group rushed toward him and one of them, who [redacted] later identified as [redacted], a union picket organizer, grabbed him and started to fight. I was in my motel room at the time and heard the commotion. I opened up the door and saw [redacted] fighting. [redacted] managed to get away from [redacted] and run into the Master Host lobby. When he was clear, I told my guards who had also heard the commotion and came out of their rooms, to get back into their rooms. By this time, I had walked up to Room 29, occupied by [redacted], and two or three other guards. As soon as [redacted] saw that my guards were not going to fight he and his men rushed toward us. I again told my men to go inside. As I started to close the door of Room 29, [redacted] yelling obscenities, put his foot in the door preventing me from closing it. He then managed to throw a punch through the door opening striking [redacted] in the face and knocking him down. [redacted] was carrying a Wackenhut walkie-talkie which was smashed and ruined. I then managed to close the door. [redacted] continued to yell obscenities outside the door. Suddenly, numerous rocks were thrown through the window. [redacted] face glared through one large hole and he yelled "We'll be back every night, mother-fucker".

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On one or two occasions I attempted to make an official complaint with the Wilkes-Barre Police Department concerning incidents that occurred. the local Police Dispatcher would not accept the complaint and referred me to the Sheriff's Office. When I contacted the Sheriff's office the person to whom I spoke, after learning who I was, stated the office was closed and would not refer me any further. This occurred even though I told them I had an emergency situation in progress. I was never able to get any satisfaction or assistance, or help, from the Police Department or the Sheriff's office in regard to any complaints that I had.

I recall that on October 10, 1978 Wilkes-Barre Mayor Lisman declared a city emergency. This resulted in the whole area surrounding the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader building to be illuminated by flood lights. There also were guard dogs and Police patrols were added. On October 13, 1978, when it became public knowledge that as a result of an injunction which had been issued by the local Judge, the paper would be published on that day, the added Police protection and flood lighting was removed. I feel it was obvious that because there might be violence as a result of the resumption of the newspaper being published the added protection was purposely removed.

I was shown a letter which one of the Wackenhut guards who had been arrested allegedly wrote. The letter was supposed to have been written by [redacted]. It castigated the Wackenhut guards and what they were doing. I feel certain that this letter was not written by [redacted] since I was familiar with his handwriting. However, I believe the letter was actually signed by [redacted] after he was approached by [redacted], who promised him that the

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complaint made against him would be dropped if he signed it. [redacted], the [redacted], told me that he was present when [redacted] approached [redacted] and had him sign the above letter. [redacted] told me that this occurred in the Wilkes-Barre Magistrate's Court while Court was in session and the Magistrate was present.

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As far as I know the Wilkes-Barre Police never gave the Wackenhut guards adequate police protection at any time. I cannot say that the Police were more prejudice against black guards rather than white guards. They appeared to consider all Wackenhut guards in the same light. This was exemplified by a sign in Police Headquarters stating "do yourself a favor arrest a Wackenhut today". This sign was seen by [redacted]. I do feel that because of the attitude of the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, the Chief of Police, and the pickets, that the fact that there were black guards there provided a "rallying point" for them to attack.

By and large I think that with one exception incidents of violence decreased after the black guards were removed. I had no alternative to removing the black guards if The Wackenhut Corporation was to be allowed to continue to keep the guard contract. Looking back at the situation, I think that the rape of the white woman increased the potential of violence. Also, I think an indication of the police prejudice is reflected in that six Wackenhut guards were arrested on various charges, and yet I don't recall that any pickets were arrested by the police. In addition, when Wackenhut personnel attempted to file criminal charges against union personnel for assaults against their persons, these charges were refused and deemed not acceptable by the Magistrate and the City Prosecutor. The City Prosecutor stated he was not allowed to take any complaints against Orcutt or union personnel on orders of Mayor Lisman.

The above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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[redacted] appeared at the Miami Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and stated he had previously been interviewed by an Agent of the FBI; and he had furnished a statement to the Wackenhut Corporation.

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[redacted] stated that in connection with his meeting with the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on the morning of October 11, 1978, that no other persons were present during this conversation. He stated that this took place in the alley adjoining the publishing company being protected by the Wackenhut Corporation and lasted some 10 to 15 minutes. He stated that the Mayor told him that he (the Mayor) had talked to the commissioner of public safety, and he was personally told by the commissioner that his troopers would not "interfere" in the strike situation in Wilkes-Barre. The Mayor further stated that his Police Department officers would not protect the publishing company.

[redacted] stated that subsequent to a bomb threat in the publishing company in Wilkes-Barre, he met with Chief of Police RUDDICK, the captain of detectives, and a Pennsylvania State Trooper "assigned to that area" in Chief RUDDICK's office. He stated that the Chief stated that he had received good information that 7,000 Teamsters and operating engineers were going to join the picket line around the publishing company and stated that his force was not large enough to handle this situation and thereafter asked the question, "What are you going to do then?"

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[redacted] stated that prior to October 13, 1978, police, police dogs, and extra police along with flood lights and barricades had been in the area of the publishing company. He stated that at about 7 p.m. on October 13, 1978, a large crowd gathered; and when a police cruiser would come by, many of these persons would leave. He stated that subsequent to an injunction being issued by a local judge, the Sheriff's Department, Luzerne County, was put in charge of enforcing the injunction. He stated that there were no sheriff's cars

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seen in the vicinity of the publishing company on October 13, 1978. He stated that Wilkes-Barre Police Department officers in police cars were present subsequent to 7 p.m. on October 13, 1978, but they did not get out of their cars. He stated that on an occasion which he had fully explained concerning the leaving of the publishing company parking lot with trucks carrying newspapers, that a Wilkes-Barre Police Department automobile blocked the road for about 25 seconds, thereby allowing the crowd to surround the vehicles involved. He stated that he believed these actions were ones that endangered the persons in the vehicles that were leaving the parking lot.

[ ] stated that he had fully stated in his previous interview with the FBI and his statement to the Wackenhut Corporation the incident involving him receiving a ticket for an illegal turn, which he believed was inaction by the Wilkes-Barre Police Department.

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[ ] stated that at approximately 9 p.m. when he and the other persons had arrived back at the publishing company parking lot and rocks were being thrown at the windows of the publishing company across the street from the Police Department, he called the Wilkes-Barre Police Department, who advised him that they had nothing to do with the security of the building housing the publishing company; and he should call the Sheriff of Luzerne County. He stated he called the Sheriff's Office and was told by the dispatcher that the Sheriff had gone home. He stated that he was sure that an attorney for the publishing company had called the local judge that was responsible for issuing the injunction and was advised that the judge was out for dinner. He stated that he called the Sheriff's home, and the Sheriff was stated to be out to dinner as well as his two deputies were out to dinner. He stated that no one appeared to want to help as the calls were made to the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department at approximately 15 minute intervals for approximately two hours. He stated that at 1 a.m. in the morning, he got the Sheriff on the phone, who advised that he would send two deputies to the publishing company. He stated that the two deputies arrived, and he stated that there were only two of them; and there were many pickets, and they could do nothing. He stated at approximately 2 a.m., he talked with the Sheriff, who stated

that he could do nothing and could not control the situation. He stated that the Sheriff refused to request assistance from the State Police; and he stated he was told by the attorney representing the publishing company, [redacted], that the judge would not order additional law enforcement persons into the area to enforce his injunction. He stated that at approximately 5 a.m. in the morning, the Sheriff stated that he would attempt to get all the persons out of the building, but they only had 15 minutes to get these persons out. He stated that they did in fact get the persons out with the assistance of the police.

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[redacted] stated that in connection with the attack on [redacted] on October 16, 1978, at approximately 8 p.m., that the Wilkes-Barre Police Department was called when [redacted] was first attacked in the parking lot; and it took 20 minutes before the Wilkes-Barre Police Department officers arrived.

He stated that he believed that there was unequal treatment to persons employed by Wackenhut Corporation in that the district attorney advised him subsequent to the attack on [redacted] that he had orders not to issue any complaint against [redacted]. He stated that subsequent to his attempts to get complaints against [redacted] by the Magistrate, that he was told by the [redacted] that if warrants were issued against [redacted], that he [redacted] had orders from the Mayor not to serve these warrants.

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He stated that he believed that Wackenhut Corporation and the publishing company in Wilkes-Barre that they were hired by received unequal treatment from the Wilkes-Barre Police Department officers since the newspapers torn up by the pickets lying on the streets resulted in the City of Wilkes-Barre issuing littering warrants to the publishing company. He stated that the pickets would gather up the papers on the street, place them in front of the building doors, and set them on fire; and thereafter, more littering warrants were issued.

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☐ stated that he had previously been interviewed and furnished information concerning these above instances.

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Synopsis:

JOHN RUDDICK, ex-Wilkes-Barre Police Chief,  
as well as additional Wilkes-Barre Police Officers;  
[REDACTED] Newspaper Guild International  
Representative, interviewed with all stating that the  
actions taken by the police department during the strike  
by union employees at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., were correct and appropriate. All  
denied knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre  
Police Officer failed to perform his duties. Additional  
witnesses to assaults on Wackenhut Corporation employees  
interviewed re incidents on 10/15/78 and 10/25/78, with  
one witness, [REDACTED] alleging that Wilkes-Barre  
Police response time to calls for assistance was excessive.

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Details:

I. ROCK BARRAGE WILKES-BARRE TIMES LEADER, 10/13-14/78

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[redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following signed statement  
in the presence of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., [redacted]  
[redacted]:

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"January 29, 1979  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

I, [redacted], hereby make the  
following statement freely and voluntarily to  
Special Agents [redacted]  
[redacted] who have identified themselves to me as  
Special Agents of the F.B.I. Special Agent [redacted]  
advised me that the purpose of the interview was  
to discuss the Wilkes-Barre Police Department's in-  
volvement in a strike by Union employees of the  
Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.  
I was furnished an Interrogation; Advice of Rights  
form, Form FD-395, which I read, understood and signed.

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I served with the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Police De-  
partment from [redacted] to approximately

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[redacted]  
I decided to [redacted] due  
to an [redacted].

In October of 1978, I learned that Union em-  
ployees of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company were  
apparently going to strike their employer. Shortly  
thereafter the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, WALTER LISMAN,  
called a meeting between the [redacted]  
[redacted] the Mayor and myself, to discuss the potential  
problem. It was decided that the City and the Wilkes-  
Barre Police Department would remain neutral in this  
labor dispute and maintain law and order.

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Several days following this meeting, a strike  
by Union employees did take place on approximately  
October 6, 1978. As the days went by, there were

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] /jab Date dictated 1/31/79

several incidents which took place at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., which caused me great concern. I felt that if these incidents were to continue the situation might get out of hand. As a result, I contacted the Mayor and requested additional manpower at the scene. On October 10, 1978, the Mayor issued an emergency order placing the department on twelve hour shifts. On October 13, 1978, a court order was handed down by the Luzerne County Court regarding the strike at the publishing company. This court order was to be enforced by the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office. As a result of this order, the Mayor's emergency proclamation was rescinded and the police department went back to its normal shifts. On approximately October 13, 1978, I had a meeting with the Luzerne County Sheriff at his office. I advised him that the Wilkes-Barre Police Department would be available for assistance at any time. He advised me that at that time he did not foresee any difficulties, but that if problems arose he would call my department immediately. Following this meeting, I instructed my ranking officers that the police department was to be available for assistance by the Luzerne County Sheriff's Department at all times and that the department would make periodic checks at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company's property. It was my understanding that should any member of the police department observe a crime at the publishing company that they would take immediate action.

On October 13, 1978, I left work at approximately 5:00PM and did not return until Monday, October 16, 1978. On this date, I reviewed reports of incidents which took place over the weekend, and felt that the appropriate action was taken by the police officers who made the reports. I was not contacted by anyone regarding any incident which occurred from October 13, 1978 through October 15, 1978 and only learned of these problems upon my return to work on October 16, 1978.



I recall also reading a report regarding an incident which took place at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company on October 25, 1978 regarding an assault on a Wackenhut Security Guard. After reviewing the report, I believe the appropriate action was taken by the police officers involved.

With regards to the filing of criminal complaints, it was the policy of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department that unless a police officer was directly involved it was preferable to have the complainant file a private complaint before a magistrate and the department would then take the appropriate action.

On October 7, 1978, the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre:

[redacted] a representative of the local newspaper guild, and myself, met in City Hall to advise all concerned that law and order would be maintained by the police department with no partiality shown for either side. At this meeting, [redacted] a member of the striking Union, requested that he be notified should any union member be arrested in order that he could provide legal counsel and arrange for bail. No instructions were given by myself to anyone in my department regarding this request.

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I am unaware of any sign which stated, "Do a good turn today - arrest a Wackenhut." I have no knowledge of any incident in which a member of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department did not respond in what I consider to be the appropriate manner with regards to the strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company.

I have read this statement consisting of this page and five others, finding it to be true and correct. I have initialed each page and all corrections.

JOHN WILLIAM RUDDICK

Witness:

[redacted] SA, Scranton, Pa., 1/29/79  
[redacted] SA, Scranton, Pa., 1/29/79."

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[redacted]  
[redacted], telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in the presence of the Wilkes-Barre [redacted]. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the fact he was being contacted for information regarding an incident on October 13,-14, 1978, in which property belonging to the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was severely damaged. [redacted] provided the following information:

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He stated he was a civilian radio dispatcher for the Wilkes-Barre Police Department and had been so employed since approximately August, 1977. On October 13, 1978, he worked the 11:00PM to 7:00AM shift. He recalls that on October 13, 1978, a Luzerne County Court Order was issued regarding a strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, located at 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He believes that the Court Order gave the responsibility of enforcing this order to the Luzerne County Sheriff's Office. As a result of the Court Order, the entire Wilkes-Barre Police Department was relieved from 12-hour shifts which had been instituted earlier in the week in an effort to insure that peace and order was maintained at the Publishing Company.

[redacted] advised he cannot specifically recall the evening of October 13-14, 1978, but he does not believe that he received a call that evening from any officials of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company requesting assistance at that location. He was advised that a review of the Wilkes-Barre Police Department's Information Recovery Cards indicates that there were none filled out on that evening regarding any incident at the Publishing Company. [redacted] stated if there were no cards filled out by himself, then he in fact, did not receive any calls from the Publishing Company as it was standard procedure to fill out such cards should a valid complaint be called in. He advised that there was the possibility that he had received a telephone call, but that he had resolved the problem prior to the termination of any conversation, and thus an information recovery card would not have been filled out.

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by SAs [redacted] and /jab Date dictated 2/1/79

[ ] continued that during the strike at the Publishing Company he recalls that the Wackenhut Security Guards called the Wilkes-Barre Police Station on many occasions reporting riotous situations. Upon receiving these calls, [ ] would either dispatch a car to the scene or turn the call over to the Desk Sergeant or Watch Commander who would complete the call. [ ] recalls on several occasions that when he did dispatch a vehicle to the scene, that shortly thereafter he received a call from that police car stating that there were no problems at the scene and thus the caller's complaint could not be verified.

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[ ] stated that he was given no special instructions with regards to the handling of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, and carried out his duties as a civilian radio dispatcher. He has no knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre Police Officer or civilian dispatcher failed to perform his duty or respond to a complaint during the current strike at the Publishing Company.

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II. ARREST OF  10/15/78

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Date of transcription 2/2/79

Patrolman [redacted]  
[redacted] furnished the following signed statement in the  
presence of the Wilkes-Barre [redacted]

"January 8, 1979  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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I, Patrolman [redacted]  
[redacted] furnish the following free and  
voluntary statement to SAs [redacted]  
and [redacted], who have identified them-  
selves to me as Special Agents of the F.B.I.

On Sunday, October 15, 1978, I was assigned to  
Car #2 with Patrolman [redacted]. During the course  
of our assignments we were assigned to investigate a  
hit and run injury, motor vehicle accident at 5:45PM,  
on Connyngham Avenue near Kidder Street. As a result  
of our investigation, I recall Patrolman [redacted] and  
I charged [redacted]  
[redacted] with hit and run and he was lodged  
in the city jail pending his arraignment on October  
16, 1978.

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I would also point out I recall being given no  
special instructions with regards to the handling  
of any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company  
and carried out my duties as a police officer. I have  
no knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre  
Police officer failed to perform his duty or respond  
to a complaint during the current strike at the Wilkes-  
Barre Publishing Company.

Further, at no time have I ever observed a sign  
anywhere in the Wilkes-Barre Police Department which  
read, "Do a good deed today - arrest a Wackenhut," or  
anything similar to that, especially in the room where  
I participated in an interview of [redacted] on  
October 15, 1978.

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by SAs [redacted] and [redacted]  
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I have read this statement consisting of this  
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I have initialed each page and all corrections.

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Witness:

SA, Scranton, Pa., 1-26-79  
SA, Scranton, Pa., 1/26/79."

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III. ALLEGED ASSAULT WACKENHUT EMPLOYEES, MASTER HOST  
INN, 10/15/78

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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2/8/79

Date of transcription

[redacted] residing [redacted]  
[redacted], contacted the Scranton Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). She was advised that she was being interviewed for information regarding an incident on October 15, 1978, in which several employees of the Wackenhut Corporation were allegedly assaulted at the Master Host Inn in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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[redacted] advised that on the evening of October 15, 1978, while an employee of the Master Host Inn, she observed an employee of the Wackenhut Corporation assaulted by a group of 10 to 15 men. She stated that she had furnished a statement to the Wilkes-Barre Police Department regarding her observations and could offer nothing further regarding this incident.

A review of this statement which was taken by Wilkes-Barre Police Patrolman [redacted] indicates that [redacted] while an employee of the Master Host Inn observed [redacted] of the Wackenhut Corporation leave the lobby of the motel. As he crossed the parking lot, he was surrounded by a group of 10 to 15 men and one of these men struck [redacted] knocking him to the ground. [redacted] yelled to the motel desk clerk to call the police and then saw [redacted] struggle to his feet and run back to the lobby of the motel with the men in pursuit. Upon arrival back in the lobby these men yelled that they were going to get [redacted] later and then they departed the area in numerous vehicles.

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A Wilkes-Barre Policeman arrived at the scene several minutes after the initial phone call had been made and he initiated an investigation into the matter which included the taking of her signed statement. She has no knowledge that the Wilkes-Barre Police Department acted in an inappropriate manner in regards to the investigation of this incident.

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SAs [redacted] and [redacted]  
by [redacted] PH: dmt Date dictated 2/7/79

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IV. ALLEGED ASSAULT OF WACKENHUT EMPLOYEES, 10/25/78

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 2/5/79

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[redacted] of Investigation, Wackenhut Corporation (WC), 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue, Second Floor, Philadelphia, Pa., telephone number [redacted] was advised of the nature of the interview and the identity of the below named Agent. He furnished the following information:

[redacted] advised that WC is a corporation which provides security guards for clients. On October 2, 1978, WC was contracted by the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company (WBPC), in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to provide security personnel for the publisher's building. At first WC provided approximately 250 security guards to the WBPC and of that number approximately 8% were black. Shortly thereafter, the number of guards provided dropped to approximately 50 and the number of black security guards made available to the WBPC dropped to two. On October 6, 1978, the Newspaper Guild (NG), a union consisting of WBPC employees, instituted a strike against the WBPC, and set up pickets in front of the building. On or about October 14, 1978, [redacted] received a telephone call at his home in the Philadelphia area, during which he was summoned by a WC employee to the Master Host Inn, in Wilkes-Barre. [redacted] advised that the employee called him and informed him there was trouble at the inn. [redacted] arrived at the Master Host Inn where WC security guards were being housed and at approximately 4:00 a. m. At that time picketers were present at the WBPC and employees who had been hired in the picketers place were not being allowed to exit the premises.

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At approximately 9:00 p. m., on the same day at the Master Host Inn, [redacted] who was occupying Room 29 at the Inn, observed a group of approximately 15 individuals whom he assumed were union members. These individuals had gathered in the parking lot of the Master Host Inn. Also located in the same parking lot were five or six WC vehicles, toward which the group was moving. A WC employee exited

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the office of the Master Host Inn and approached the group to ask what they intended to do. As he approached the group, a number of individuals from the group jumped the guard and began beating him. The guard managed to get away and re-enter the office of the Master Host Inn, at which time the individuals from the group returned their attention to the action in the parking lot. At that point, the individuals in the parking lot and WC guards housed at the inn began shouting back and forth.

[redacted] and his [redacted] all associated with WC, had been standing outside Room 29, observing the activity in the parking lot. The 15 or so individuals in the parking lot began to move toward motel rooms occupied by WC employees. [redacted] re-entered Room 29 but could not close the door. [redacted] advised that individuals in the group prevented the door from being closed and [redacted], standing inside the room, was struck and knocked down by an individual outside the door. At that point, the door closed. Within a matter of seconds, the window next to the door in Room 29, was shattered, a hand reached through the broken window from the outside and closed the drapes. At that point, the individuals in the parking lot ran from the area and approximately 10 seconds later, two Wilkes-Barre Police units arrived at the Master Host Inn. [redacted] advised he believes the motel manager summoned the police.

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[redacted] advised that employee replacements for the picketers were being housed at the Treadway Inn which is located approximately one block from the Wilkes-Barre Police Station. On October 25, 1978, at approximately 5:00 a. m., employees were being transported via WC vehicles to the WBPC. At this point, employees were entering by the front entrance to the publishing company and were being escorted across the picket line by security employees of WC. [redacted] advised that the employees in the two vehicles met with minor violence as they crossed the picket line to enter the publishing company. At 6:00 a. m., on October 25, 1978, two additional WC vehicles transported employees to the publishing company. [redacted] a WC employee, was riding along with approximately eight publishing employees in the lead vehicle. [redacted] accompanied the

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of a firearm. [ ] identified himself and turned his weapon over to the WBPB. [ ] requested that [ ] be taken to a hospital for treatment for injuries he received and a WBPB unit transported both [ ] to Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. During the ride to the hospital, [ ] informed police officers that he also was in possession of a firearm. While in the hospital emergency room, attorneys for the WBPB arrived and interviewed both [ ] regarding the incident. Also present in the emergency room was one [ ], International Representative of the Newspaper Guild whom [ ] identified to Wilkes-Barre Police as having been seen or around the premises of the publishing company, on various dates.

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[ ] and the newspaper attorney then went to the WBPB where they saw a Captain SWIM, who returned [ ] weapon to him. [ ] advised he turned the sidearm over to the WBPB while being treated for injuries at the hospital.

[ ] returned to the publishing company and gave his statement to the newspaper attorney before returning to the Treadway Inn. A detective from the WBPB arrived at the Treadway Inn and took statements from WC guards and employees. During the taking of these statements, newspaper attorneys were present. [ ] advised that he could not recall the name of the detective but believes it was a long Polish sounding name.

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Captain SWIM, at a later date, signed complaints on information received from the detective, against both [ ]. [ ] advised that a total of 27 complaints were heard by a local magistrate in the Wilkes-Barre area and that the magistrate refused to make decisions on any of the complaints until he had heard all of them. [ ] advised the magistrate's name was JOHN BEDNARZ (phonetic).

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[ ] advised that in the parking lot of the publishing company, a number of company trucks appeared to have broken windows, numerous dents, and flat tires, and some had had paint thrown on them. [ ] also advised that the back lot of the publishing company was fenced and that the gate through which employees entered and exited

the premises and building, had been torn down.

[ ] advised that to the best of his knowledge, the complaint against [ ] in [ ] name, had been dismissed by the local magistrate. He also advised that [ ] charges were also dropped. To the best of [ ] knowledge, out of the 27 complaints heard by the magistrate, approximately 20 were dismissed and at the present time, no complaints are outstanding. [ ] advised that through a number of his employees, he learned that various incidents occurred following the above mentioned period. Employees informed [ ] that Wilkes-Barre Police would follow delivery trucks dropping bundles of newspapers at dispersal stations and the police vehicles would pick up the bundles to prevent their sale. Employees also informed [ ] that on numerous occasions, unidentified vehicles would harass delivery trucks dropping bundles of newspapers. [ ] was also informed by employees that numerous fires were started in the parking lot of the WBPC and the building on one occasion received a bomb threat. [ ] learned from employees that [ ] of the publishing company, had received an anonymous telephone threat. [ ] was also informed by employees that when summoned to the publishing company, units occasionally would arrive within a reasonable time but would offer very little assistance. Additionally, customers and carriers of the newspaper printed by the publishing company received telephone threats.

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[ ] advised that the incident occurring at the publishing company had been covered by the local news media and also by representatives of Channel 6, television, in Philadelphia, Pa., which has filmed documentation of the occurrences.

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[ ] advised that on November 4, 1978, WC was replaced by a security company known as Northeast Security (NS). [ ] advised that on October 16, 1978, authorities at the WBPC requested that WC provide "executive protection" (armed) for officials at the company. From October 16, through December 31, 1978, six WC security guards were provided

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for the protection of the executives of the company. [redacted] advised that these guards consisted of white, off-duty active police officers from the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh areas.

[redacted] advised it was his opinion that the WBPD provided little, if any, assistance at all when summoned during the incidents which occurred during October of 1978. To the best of his knowledge, he can recall no other times during which this situation existed.

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[redacted] provided a newspaper publication, "Times-Leader, Evening News, Record, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.," dated Tuesday, November 28, 1978. This publication is a 16 page newspaper account of the Wilkes-Barre newspaper strike.

[redacted] advised that should any further information be needed, he could be reached at the above mentioned address and telephone number.



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[redacted] residing at [redacted]  
[redacted] was contacted at the offices of the Citizens' Voice Newspaper, Sterling Hotel, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the fact that he was being contacted for information regarding several incidents which had occurred between October 13 and 25, 1978, involving the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. [redacted] [redacted] advised that he would be quite willing to furnish any information that he might have regarding these incidents, but would do so only if [redacted] a member of the newspaper guild, Local 120, would be allowed to be present during the interview. [redacted] further indicated that he did not wish to furnish a signed statement. [redacted] was then interviewed in the presence of [redacted] and furnished the following information:

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[redacted] advised that he was the international union representative of the newspaper guild and had been sent to the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., area as a result of a strike by the newspaper guild's Local 120 against the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. He stated that on October 6, 1978, the newspaper guild along with three other unions representing most of the employees of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company struck their employer due to contract difficulties. Prior to the employees' walkout, as it became apparent that a strike was imminent, [redacted] at his request held a meeting with the Wilkes-Barre Chief of Police JOHN RUDDICK as well as Wilkes-Barre Police Officers SWIM, [redacted]. This meeting was held in the Chief of Police's office and its purpose was to inform the chief of the pending strike and that the unions would cooperate with the police in insuring that law and order was maintained. Chief RUDDICK assured [redacted] that law and order would be maintained and that the police would be neutral with regard to the strike.

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[ ] also had a meeting with the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, [ ] prior to the official commencement of the strike. This meeting was attended by several individuals from the union and the purpose of the meeting was to inform the Mayor person-to-person of the pending strike. In addition, inquiries were made into the possibility of the union renting portions of an old elementary school which was owned by the City of Wilkes-Barre. It was explained to the Mayor that the unions planned on putting out their own newspaper during the strike and that this property would be utilized in the furtherance of this goal. Mayor LISMAN advised that he would look into the possibility of renting the property to the unions, however, he was unsure about the legality of renting the school to the union. During this meeting the Mayor did not indicate what position the city would take, but only hoped that the strike could be avoided. A short time later [ ] appeared before the Wilkes-Barre City Council and made a formal request for the use of the city owned property by the union. City Council voted in favor of the proposition.

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Several days after the strike began on October 6, 1978, [ ] had another meeting with the Mayor and the Chief of Police at Wilkes-Barre City Hall. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss several incidents which had taken place at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company between the Wackenhut Corporation security guards and the striking union employees. At this meeting the Mayor again made it known to all present that the city's position was to remain neutral and that law and order must be preserved.

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[ ] had one last meeting with the Mayor on approximately October 9, 1978, in front of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. The Mayor had come to the strike scene due to a disturbance caused by the Wackenhut Corporation when they had sprayed the striking picketers with fire hoses and fire extinguishers. The Mayor had been called to the scene in the hopes of calming the disturbance. Upon his arrival, [ ] asked him what he planned on doing about the incident and the Mayor indicated that he was going into the publishing company to determine what was going on. He then entered the publishing company and [ ] had no further contact with him.

[ ] advised that he does not recall at any of these meetings ever requesting any special favors on the part of the union employees or requesting that he be informed if any of the striking employees were arrested by the police. At no time did he ever make any arrangements with any police officer or public official to "handle" any incident in which a striking union employee was involved.

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[ ] advised that with regards to any incidents at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company on the evening of October 13-14, 1978, he has no knowledge of any incidents which occurred that evening in which law enforcement officials witnessed acts of vandalism and failed to take any action. He advised that it was his belief that that evening police took what he considers to be affirmative action and that they arrested the editor of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company after he struck [ ] with his automobile as he tried to enter the publishing company's parking lot. After being struck by the auto, [ ] was taken to the hospital for treatment and returned to the scene approximately two or three hours later.

[ ] advised that with regards to two incidents which took place on October 15, 1978, in which a Wackenhut [ ] was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident and in which several Wackenhut guards were allegedly assaulted at the Master Host Inn in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., he was not present and could furnish no information with regards to either of these incidents.

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[ ] advised that with regards to alleged assaults of Wackenhut employees on October 25, 1978, at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company building, 15 North Main Street, he was present and in fact was involved in the incident. He stated that on the morning of October 25, 1978, two vans driven by Wackenhut security personnel approached the front of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company's building to discharge passengers. As they did so, Wackenhut security guards exited from the building and formed a semi-line between the two vans and the front door of the publishing company.

As they did so, they pushed and shoved the striking employees who were peacefully picketing at the time. [ ] estimates that there were approximately 15 to 20 uniformed Wackenhut security guards on the scene at the time as well as approximately 20 employees of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company. He estimates that there were only six to eight union employees at the scene. During this pushing and shoving by the Wackenhut security employees [ ] was struck in the chest by a non-uniformed Wackenhut employee, who was later identified as [ ]. [ ] began grappling with him and as he did so, he heard someone shout, "He's got a gun, he's got a gun." [ ] immediately began to attempt to get the gun away from [ ], but was unsuccessful in doing so. As the scuffle continued, [ ] was able to take [ ] to the ground by jumping on his back. As he did so, he heard someone say the police were on the scene. Since the police arrived on the scene he allowed [ ] to get away because he felt the police could handle the situation. [ ] was interviewed by the Wilkes-Barre Police shortly thereafter at which time he advised them of what had taken place. It is [ ] belief that with regards to this incident, the police apparently responded almost immediately in this instance due to the fact that they arrived at the scene just minutes after his scuffle with [ ] began.

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[ ] advised that it was his belief that the police have acted fairly throughout the strike and in fact have arrested union employees for various small infractions of the law relating to the strike. Whenever an employee is arrested, [ ] has been advised by one of the union members and in every instance he has proceeded to the Wilkes-Barre Police Station in an attempt to resolve the situation in the best manner possible. In one such instance [ ] for the Wilkes-Barre Council's Union, was arrested by one of the Wilkes-Barre police officers at the picket site for apparently not moving quickly enough when a publishing company truck was entering the grounds of the newspaper. Following his arrest, [ ] proceeded to the Wilkes-Barre Police Station and held a

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conversation with the police officer in which he guaranteed that [ ] would be kept off the picket lines in the future and would not cause any further trouble. Following this conversation, [ ] was released into [ ] custody. [ ] stated that he does not recall ever telling this police officer that he had a special arrangement with the police brass in which he would be notified of any arrest and take care of the situation. He stated that he might have made this statement, but there was no such arrangement.

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[ ] concluded by stating that at no time during any of his meetings with Wilkes-Barre officials were there any discussions in which these officials indicated they would favor one side or the other during the strike. He has no knowledge of any incidents in which the Wilkes-Barre Police Department or other law enforcement agencies acted inappropriately during the strike and in fact believes that the law enforcement agencies in the city have done an outstanding job.

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[redacted], telephone number [redacted] was interviewed at the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Prior to the interview, he was advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the fact he was being contacted for information regarding several incidents that occurred at the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Publishing Company during a strike by their employees in October, 1978. [redacted] provided the following information:

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He stated that he was a Detective with the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Police Department and had been employed with that agency for the last 14 years. In October, 1978, he became aware that the employees at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, which put out the town's only daily newspaper, were apparently going to strike their employer. On approximately October 6, 1978, the employees did in fact go out on strike. Almost immediately after the strike began, there were numerous incidents in which striking employees clashed with the Wackenhut Security Guards who had been hired to protect the Publishing Company's property. As [redacted] understands it, as a result of these incidents, the Mayor of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on approximately October 10, 1978, issued an emergency order placing the Wilkes-Barre Police Department on two 12-hour shifts. The purpose of this proclamation was to insure that peace and order was maintained at the Publishing Company, which was located in the center of the city at 15 North Main Street.

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Shortly after the emergency order was issued, [redacted], who was [redacted] ordered [redacted] and his partner, [redacted] to remain clear of the Publishing Company's property. He indicated that the uniformed men would take care of any problems at the Publishing Company location and that he and his partner were to respond only if they were called by the police dispatcher. [redacted] stated that should the uniform officers make an arrest, [redacted] and his partner would proceed to the police station and would handle the processing of the arrested individual. [redacted]

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by SA [redacted] /jab Date dictated 2/1/79

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believes that the purpose of this order was to keep the uniform personnel at the Publishing Company in order that the Wilkes-Barre Police Department could maintain a strong show of manpower there. This was the only special order that [ ] recalls he was ever given regarding the strike at the Publishing Company other than the fact that as a result of the uniform personnel maintaining their presence at the Publishing Company, he was forced to handle a large number of assignments which normally would have been handled by the uniformed division of the Police Department.

Detective [ ] continued that at no time during the strike was he ever aware of a sign which might have been placed in the Wilkes-Barre Police Headquarters which stated, "Do a good turn today - arrest a Wackenhut." [ ] advised that during the strike, he carried out his duties as a police officer and he had no knowledge of any incident in which a Wilkes-Barre Police Officer failed to perform his duty during the current strike.

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[ ] concluded by stating with regards to the special instructions that he was given to stay away from the Publishing Company, he is not fully in agreement with the order. He believes that due to his number of years with the police department and the experience gained, that his skills could have been more fully utilized at the scene of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company strike. He stated, however, that he understood some of reasons behind the order and although not in full agreement with them, believes they were issued with good intentions.



On January 22, 1979, Mr. S. JOHN COTTONE, United States Attorney (USA), Middle District of Pennsylvania (MDPA.), advised SA [REDACTED] that he had recently received a letter from the Chairman of the Wilkes-Barre Council Newspaper Unions, whose members were currently on strike against the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. [REDACTED] advised that it was his opinion that the letter was written as part of the labor dispute between the two parties and that the letter contained no information which would indicate that a violation of any federal statute had occurred.

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The above mentioned letter is attached.

# "FOUR BLOCKS OF ANTHRACITE"

NEWSPAPER GUILD OF WILKES-BARRE  
Local 120

WILKES-BARRE PRINTING PRESSMEN  
Local 137



WILKES-BARRE STEREOTYPERS & ELECTROTYPE  
Local 139

WILKES-BARRE TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION  
Local 187

January 15, 1979

Mr. S. John Cottone  
United States Attorney  
Middle District of Pennsylvania  
Federal Building  
Scranton, Pa. 18503

Dear Mr. Cottone:

The Wilkes-Barre Council of Newspaper Unions is requesting an investigation by the proper authorities into the possible violation of the civil rights of members of the four unions on strike at the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

Specifically, we feel violations occurred when employees of the Publishing Company and members of the Wackenhut Agency guard force, hired by the company, attacked peaceful picket lines.

We feel Capital Cities Communications, Inc., of New York City, new owners of the Wilkes-Barre Publishing Company, deliberately introduced a black guard force into the Wilkes-Barre labor picture to incite trouble. As one contingent of guards arrived early in October, the guards were overheard saying as they entered the barbed-wire compound, "The 'whitey' killers are here!"

We have attempted since the onset of the strike to downplay race. All members of the Council of Newspaper Unions were urged to avoid racial slurs, even in the heat of anger.

However, it now appears evident that Capital Cities and the Wackenhut Corporation are using race as part of the campaign to break the four unions.

Prompt action on this request would be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Robert Ladd*  
Robert Ladd, Chairman  
W-B Council of Newspaper

cc: Special Agent   
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE <b>INDIANAPOLIS</b>	OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>PHILADELPHIA</b>	DATE <b>1/18/79</b>	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD <b>1/9/79 - 1/16/79</b>
TITLE OF CASE  <b>UNSUB; WILKES - BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT; WACKENHUT CORPORATION EMPLOYEES - VICTIMS; DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b> <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	TYPED BY <b>-CMS</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>CIVIL RIGHTS (A)</b>	

## REFERENCE:

Philadelphia airtel to Miami, 1/5/79.

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## ENCLOSURE TO PHILADELPHIA:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Report of: SA [REDACTED]  
Date: January 18, 1979

Office: INDIANAPOLIS

Field Office File #: IP 44-2117

Bureau File #:

Title: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
WILKES - BARRE,  
PENNSYLVANIA  
POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
WACKENHUT CORPORATION EMPLOYEES - VICTIMS;  
DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION

Character: CIVIL RIGHTS

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## Synopsis:

On 1/9/79, attempts to locate and interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
negative. On 1/10/79, investigation determined  
[REDACTED] currently residing [REDACTED]  
On 1/16/79, [REDACTED] furnished signed statement regarding  
his arrest on 10/15/78, at Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

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## DETAILS:

The following are the results of the preliminary  
investigation:

On January 9, 1979, attempts to locate and interview [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] met with negative results.

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On January 10, 1979, [REDACTED]  
Wackenhut Corporation, 6214 Morenci Trail, Indianapolis,  
Indiana, telephone number [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]  
currently resides [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Date of transcription 1/17/79

[redacted]  
[redacted] provided the following signed statement:

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Interviewed on 1/15 and 16/79 at Indianapolis, Indiana File # IP 44-2117

by SA [redacted] -pdb Date dictated 1/17/79

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JANUARY 16, 1979  
Indianapolis, Indiana

[ ] I, [ ]  
[ ] make the following free and voluntary statement to [ ], who has identified himself as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises or threats have been made to me, and I understand this statement can be used in a court of law. I am [ ] years old, have completed [ ] years of formal education and can read and write the English language.

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I am currently employed as [ ] for Wackenhut Security Corporation in Indianapolis, Indiana, and have been employed as such for the past [ ].

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On October 14, 1978, I received a telephone call from Wackenhut Corporation to go to Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, as [ ]. On October 14, 1978, at 5:00 p.m., I along with approximately eleven other Wackenhut employees boarded Allegheny Airlines at Indianapolis and flew to Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, arriving at approximately 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. [ ]

[redacted] Two vans picked us up at the airport and drove us to the Master Host Inn. I along with other employees went to a conference room where [redacted] of the Wackenhut Corporation briefed us as to the situation in Wilkes Barre.

[redacted] then asked for volunteers to come in at midnight, and I volunteered. I got into a Wackenhut uniform and was then driven to the Times Leader Building in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. I and another [redacted] were assigned to a desk area at the front door of the Times Leader Building. I and [redacted] sat there for approximately four to five hours. At approximately 4:30 a.m., several strikers walked up to the front door and cursed at us and tried to get us angered. The main door was locked at the time. While this incident occurred, there was a Wilkes Barre patrol truck parked in the dirt lot across the street from the main door.

I got off work at 2:00 p.m. on October 15, 1978, and returned to the Master Host Inn. While I was waiting to get my per diem check, a Wackenhut supervisor asked for two drivers and two volunteers to ride escort for the trucks that were carrying the newspapers from the Times Leader Building for distribution. I volunteered and went back to the Times Leader Building. After I arrived, they changed their minds [redacted]

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[ ] As [ ] started the van, another Wackenhut guard put out over his radio that two or three other vehicles were starting their engines up when we did. As we left the back gate, we drove up to the picket line and stopped. The pickets let us through, and I noticed a [ ] from the Wilkes Barre Police Department standing with the pickets.

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As we exited the rear of the building, we turned right. As we drove by the Martz Bus Station, I noticed two cars pulled in behind us. I noticed that the first car was driven by [ ] and I did not know the driver of the second vehicle. We proceeded to the third stop light and turned left in order to attempt to lose the cars that were following us. While we were doing this, we stayed within the speed limits. The first car that was behind us attempted to cut us off several times but failed.

We continued driving and the car driven by [ ] was still behind us. As we were going down hill, the second vehicle behind [ ] vehicle came up on our right side and got in front of us. We then turned down a side street at which time I noticed a blue 1969 or 1970 Chevrolet Impala behind us. We then turned up another side street and turned into an alley. ~~The two cars behind~~ [ ] second car [ ] was blocking the [ ]

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[ ] The Wilkes Barre Police Department showed up and the officer told me and Ron that we were under arrest for leaving the scene of a hit and run. The officer handcuffed myself and [ ] together and put us in a paddy wagon. The Wilkes Barre Police Department then towed the Wackenhut vehicle away. When we were sitting in the lot, the Wilkes Barre Police Officer came to the car and read us our rights. He told us that the delay was because he was waiting for our attorney, but that he never showed up.

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The Officer took us to the police station in Wilkes Barre and the witnesses were also at the station. The officers took us to the back room and one of the officers [ ] who was driving the van. [ ] stated he was the driver and the officer took his driver's license.

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A female police officer filled out the report. The officer, who had taken Ron's driver's license, returned and the same officer pointed at me and said that witnesses told him that I was the driver and that they would get [ ] for falsifying a legal document.

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At this point, the officer asked me for my driver's license, and I told them I did not have them with me, and he said that they would get me for having no driver's license. [ ]

[ ] and they only needed one escort vehicle. I remained in the building and the other people escorted the paper truck.

While I was in the building, I was listening to the two way radio and heard that the truck carrying the newspaper broke down three blocks from the building because someone had cut the fuel line. [ ] of the Wackenhut Company, who was standing next to me, called the Wilkes Barre Police Department and told them of the truck's location and situation. I heard that the police department never showed up even when they were called the second time.

At approximately 3:00 p.m. on the same day, another Wackenhut van driven by [ ] came to the Times Leader Building to pick up the cameramen and their equipment, and he was to drive them back to their motel. [ ] parked the van in the rear of the building and then went to do some paperwork. I then went outside and backed the van up to the dock area. While the cameramen were getting into the van, [ ] [ ] was looking into the fence area trying to see who was getting into the van. I stood in the way and blocked his view.

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After [ ] finished his paperwork, he got into the van as [ ], and I went along as the escort. [ ]

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[redacted] street, and we drove up on the curb to keep from hitting it. The blue Chevrolet Impala did the same thing but on the other side of the street and when we both came together back on the street the Chevrolet ~~hit~~ [redacted] the right rear corner of the van, bounce off and then hit a concrete post.

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We did not stop and proceeded onto the Treadway Motel where the cameramen got out. One of the vehicles driven by the union people pulled in behind us. I went to the main desk of the Treadway and told the desk clerk to call the Perry Township Police and to have them meet us at the front door.

We then pulled the van to the front of the motel because the camera equipment was still in it. The car driven by the union people pulled in behind us. We locked the van, went inside the motel, and [redacted] called the Wackenhut Office to let them know what happened. At the same time, one of the union people ran inside the motel and went to the pay phone next to the one [redacted] was using and called the Wilkes Barre Police Department and told them about the hit and run accident and that one of the people involved was standing next to him. [redacted]

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[ ] At this time, the [ ] from the Wilkes Barre Police Department, who he previously observed standing with the [ ] pickets, walked into the room and looked at [ ] and told the other officer that [ ] was the one driving the van. The police officer then told me that the charges were being dropped. I then called the motel and had someone come down to pick me up.

I returned to the Master Host Inn and some Wackenhut people told me to stay there until some of the Wackenhut personnel talked to me. One of the Wackenhut coordinators then came in and talked to me and told me to fill out statements as to what previously happened.

While I was sitting in the Wackenhut Office at about 7:45 p.m. on the same day, I heard one of the [ ] yelling. I stepped [ ] I stayed outside of the room and observed [ ] running into the motel lobby. [ ] and several other union people then started heading towards our office area which was Rooms 28 and 29 of the motel. [ ] [ ] then blew a whistle to let us know that the union people were coming our way. I went into the room and was there with six or seven other people. A Wackenhut coordinator named [ ]

[redacted] promoted to sergeant, and my job was to patrol certain areas and do paperwork.

On November 3, 1978, one of the Wackenhut guards radioed that the front area of the Times Leader Building was on fire. I and several other guards responded to the fire, and I put it out. While I was doing this, I observed two Wilkes Barre Police Officers on foot in front of the area standing with pickets.

While all the time fire crackers, rocks and eggs were being thrown at the Times Leader Building, the Wilkes Barre police cars were parked on the dirt lot across from the Times Leader Building.

I left the Wilkes Barre area and returned to Indianapolis, Indiana, on November 7, 1978.

*I have read this statement consisting of this page and 8 additional pages and now sign it because it is true and correct to the best of my knowledge*

Witness

[redacted]

*Ind. 1-16-79*

[redacted]

*1-16-79*

*SA, FBI, Indpls.*

[ ] tried to shut the front door, but [ ] stuck his foot in the door, then reached in and hit [ ] in the face. [ ] then pulled his foot out and as he was leaving he threw a rock through the motel window, pulled the curtains down and then said there would be a next time, but it would be worse. When [ ] reached into the room to hit [ ], I observed the butt of a pistol in his waistband.

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After the union organizer left, an officer from the Wilkes Barre Police Department came into the room, talked to us and told us that he would see what he could do about what happened.

For the next two weeks, I stayed in the motel office of Wackenhut doing paperwork.

On October 30, 1978, some individual from Times Leader newspaper called Wackenhut and asked Wackenhut if they would permit their guards to stay for one more week. Wackenhut agreed and some of the Wackenhut guards were given the option to return home. I along with about 25 other people agreed to stay. The 25 of us moved into the Times Leader Building where we stayed on a 24 hour basis. I was then [ ]

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The following descriptive data was obtained from observation and interview:

Name	<div></div>
Residence	
Date of Birth	<div></div>
Place of Birth	
Height	Indianapolis, Indiana
Weight	<div></div>
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
SSAN	<div></div> (Volunteered for Identification Purpose Only)
Education	<div></div> years
Employer	Wackenhut Corporation

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possesses no obvious physical handicaps which might impair his ability to recall the above incident.

TRANSMIT VIA: Airtel

PRECEDENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASSIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 5/29/79

TO: SAC, Philadelphia

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From: Director, FBI

UNSUB,  
 WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
 WACKENHUT CORPORATION EMPLOYEES - VICTIMS  
 DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION - CIVIL RIGHTS

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Enclosed are two copies of a self-explanatory Departmental letter dated  
5/22/79.

Complete the requested investigation in accordance with the provisions of  
 Section 44, Manual of Investigative Operations and Guidelines, and surep  
 within 21 days of the receipt of this communication.

State in the first paragraph of the details of your report that it contains the results  
 of a ☒ limited investigation and underscore the word ☒ limited  
☐ preliminary ☐ preliminary

Advise ☐ all persons interviewed  
☒ appropriate officials at the outset that this investigation is being  
 conducted at the specific request of the U. S. Department of Justice.

Remarks:

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REPORTING OFFICE PHILADELPHIA	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PHILADELPHIA	DATE 6/21/79	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 6/20/79
TITLE OF CASE  UNSUB; WILKES-BARRE, PA., POLICE DEPARTMENT; WACKENHUT CORPORATION EMPLOYEES - VICTIMS; DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION		REPORT MADE BY  	TYPED BY dmt
		CHARACTER OF CASE  CR (A)	

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## REFERENCE

Philadelphia reports of SA [redacted], dated 1/17/79 and 2/9/79,  
Bureau airtel to Philadelphia, dated 5/29/79.

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## ENCLOSURES

## TO BUREAU

Four (4) 8 x 10 photographs.

## ADMINISTRATIVE

[redacted] who worked for the Wackenhut Corporation for a one month period, unavailable for interview due to the fact his whereabouts are unknown. Contact with representatives of the Wilkes-Barre

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							PENDING OVER ONE YEAR <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO PENDING PROSECUTION OVER SIX MONTHS <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO

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IN CHARGE

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Dissemination Record of Attached Report			
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Request Recd.		1- Criminal Section	
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By	KLP/bas		

Notations

*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*

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Times Leader Newspaper and the Wackenhut Corporation, [redacted] former employers, indicates that these two companies have been attempting to locate [redacted] for several months and have been unsuccessful in doing so. UACB, no further investigation is being conducted to locate and interview [redacted].

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Copy to: 1-USA, MDPA.

Report of:

[REDACTED]

Office: PHILADELPHIA,  
PENNSYLVANIA

Date:

JUNE 21, 1979

Field Office File #:

44-3219 (SRA)

Bureau File #:

Title:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT;  
WACKENHUT CORPORATION EMPLOYEES-VICTIMS;  
DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION

Character:

CIVIL RIGHTS (A)

Synopsis:

[REDACTED] employees of the  
Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper in October,  
1978, interviewed with negative results re  
inappropriate action on the part of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa.,  
police force during the strike by union employees of the  
publishing company. Representatives of the Times Leader  
Newspaper and Wackenhut Corporation advised that no photographs  
exist of inaction on the part of the Wilkes-Barre Police  
Department during the commission of criminal acts. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] for the Wackenhut Corporation,  
unavailable for interview and his whereabouts are unknown.

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Details:

Investigation in this matter was initially  
instituted upon receipt of a letter dated  
December 1, 1978, from [REDACTED]  
Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, U.S.  
Department of Justice (DOJ), Washington, D.C., addressed  
to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
which requested an investigation be conducted in the four  
incidents wherein there were allegations made that local and  
state police permitted unlawful acts to be committed against  
employees of the Wackenhut Corporation in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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The results of this investigation were subsequently submitted to the DOJ by letter dated February 15, 1979.

Investigation into this matter was reinstituted upon receipt of a letter dated May 22, 1979, from [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, DOJ, Washington, D.C., addressed to the Director of the FBI which requested that [REDACTED], an employee of the Wackenhut Corporation, as well as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] employees of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper, be interviewed for any information they may have regarding police officials permitting unlawful acts to be committed against employees of the Wackenhut Corporation. In addition, it was requested that investigation be conducted to determine if photographs exist of police inaction during the commission of criminal acts.

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[ ] was informed of the identity of the interviewing agent as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute and that this investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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[ ] advised that in October, 1978, he was employed in the Circulation Department of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper located at 15 North Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The newspaper had just recently been purchased by a corporation known as Capital Cities, Inc. On October 6, 1978, the employees of the newspaper went on strike due to the fact the new owners would not meet the contract demands of the union which represented employees. Consequently, Capital Cities, Inc. hired numerous individuals from all over the country to replace the striking employees and keep the newspaper running.

Immediately after the strike was called, there were numerous confrontations between the members of the striking union and the current employees of the newspaper. These confrontations ranged from name calling to actual physical violence. [ ] advised that during most of these confrontations members of the Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Police force were reportedly in the near vicinity and did very little to protect the employees of the newspaper. [ ] personally did not observe any police officers failing to perform their duties or assisting the strikers in any way with the following exception.

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[ ] advised that on Thursday, October 26, 1978, at approximately 4:45 p.m., he was in Plains, Pa., accompanied by another newspaper employee, [ ], attempting to recruit newspaper carriers. [ ] were also attempting to ascertain if the newspapers which were being dropped off for delivery in the Plains, Pa., area were in fact reaching their destinations. As [ ] was driving his

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car down Main Street in Plains, Pa., he observed a Plains, Pa., Police cruiser in his rear view mirror. [ ] believed that this cruiser possibly might be following him and he turned down an alley to see if the cruiser would follow. When the cruiser did not follow him into the alley, [ ] went around the block and observed the police cruiser and an orange Dodge pickup truck pulling away from what he recalls to be Maria's Restaurant. A few minutes prior to the arrival of the police cruiser a large bundle of newspapers had been seen on the corner next to Maria's Restaurant. When the police cruiser drove away, the newspapers were no longer located on the corner. Due to the fact that he assumed that either the policemen in the cruiser or the individual in the van which was following the cruiser took the newspapers, [ ] began to follow the two vehicles in his own automobile. After following the two vehicles for several blocks, they arrived back at the corner of Maria's Restaurant and both the police cruiser and the pickup truck again stopped. Located across the street from Maria's Restaurant was another bundle of newspapers which had been left there earlier for pickup by the delivery boys. In order to keep from arousing suspicion, [ ] drove past the area and went around the block. When he came back into the area, the police cruiser and the truck were pulling away. As they pulled away, [ ] observed the stack of newspapers was gone. Again [ ] did not observe any individuals take the newspapers, but he believes that they were in fact taken by either the policeman or the individual driving the pickup truck. [ ] advised that the policeman was approximately [ ] years old, had dark hair, [ ] [ ]. He did not observe the driver of the pickup truck. [ ] obtained the license number of the police cruiser, which was NG17661.

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[ ] concluded by stating that this was the only incident which he had actual firsthand knowledge of a police officer committing an overt act against the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper. Additionally, he advised that he had taken a new job with the [ ] telephone [ ] and could be reached at [ ].

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[ ] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible federal violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute and that the investigation was being conducted at the specific request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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[ ] advised that in October, 1978, he was employed in the Circulation Department of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper, which is located at 15 North Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. At the time of his initial hiring by the paper, Capital Cities, Inc. had recently purchased the daily newspaper and the employees had gone out on strike on approximately October 6, 1978, over contract demands. As a result of this strike, the newspaper had hired numerous individuals from throughout the country to replace the striking employees and to keep the paper running. Following the initial strike by the union, there were several confrontations between striking employees and the individuals who had taken their place. During many of these confrontations it was reported that Wilkes-Barre, Pa., police officers were in the immediate vicinity, but failed to act in any way to protect the current employees of the newspaper. [ ] has no first-hand knowledge of this being true, but has heard numerous stories by fellow employees. [ ] stated, however, that on one occasion he did observe an overt act of theft against the newspaper by a police officer. [ ] advised that on Thursday, October 26, 1978, at approximately 4:45 p.m., he and another newspaper employee, [ ] were in the Plains, Pa., area attempting to recruit newspaper delivery boys and to ascertain that the newspapers were in fact being delivered, which had been dropped off. While in the vicinity of Maria's Restaurant near Main Street, Plains, Pa., a Plains, Pa., Police cruiser was observed in the rear view mirror by [ ], the driver. [ ] believed that the cruiser might possibly be

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following them and he turned down an alley to determine if the cruiser would follow. The police cruiser did not follow their automobile and they went around the block back into the vicinity of Maria's Restaurant. As they approached the restaurant, they observed the Plains, Pa., Department of Public Works pickup truck, which was yellow in color, leaving the area. Just minutes before a bundle of newspapers had been observed by both [redacted] in front of Maria's Restaurant. However, after observing the police cruiser and pickup truck leave, these newspapers were determined to be missing. [redacted] decided to follow the police cruiser and van to see if they would pick up anymore newspapers. After a short period of time the police cruiser and pickup truck returned to the vicinity of Maria's Restaurant and parked. In order to avoid suspicion [redacted] drove past the restaurant and went around the block. As they returned to the area, [redacted] observed the police cruiser and the pickup truck slowly pulling away. [redacted] also determined that a bundle of newspapers located across the street from Maria's Restaurant was also missing. Although [redacted] did not observe the individual in the police cruiser or the driver of the pickup truck take these newspapers, he did in fact observe a bundle of newspapers in the back of the pickup truck. The license number of the police cruiser was taken down and was determined to be NG17661. [redacted] stated that he did not observe either the police officer or the driver of the van and could offer no description of these two individuals.

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[redacted] concluded by stating that this was the only incident in which he had personally observed a police officer assisting union employees in their strike against the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper. [redacted] also advised that he had taken a new job with the [redacted] which is located at [redacted] [redacted] and could be reached at telephone [redacted].

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[ ] Security Department, Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper, 15 North Main Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., was informed of the identity of the interviewing agent as well as the fact that he was being interviewed concerning a possible violation in connection with the Civil Rights Statute and that the investigation into the matter was being conducted at the specific request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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[ ] advised that he has been with the newspaper since approximately October, 1978, and is currently serving as the [ ] of the paper. In October, 1978, the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper was purchased by Capital Cities, Inc. Shortly thereafter the unionized employees went on strike as a result of a breakdown in contract negotiations. Capital Cities, Inc. hired the Wackenhut Corporation to protect the newspaper employees and property from the striking union members. During the course of this strike, which is still going on at this time, there were numerous confrontations between the striking union members and the current employees of the newspaper. Attempts were made to obtain photographs of these incidents by newspaper photographers and individuals working for the Wackenhut Corporation.

A review of the photographer's work indicates that there were no photographs taken of police officers failing to take appropriate action while criminal acts were being performed against the property and employees of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper. He advised that there are two photographs which were taken on the evening of October 13, 1978, in which a police cruiser is observed near the fenced in parking lot of the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper. The photos indicate that the gate to the parking lot is no longer in place at the time the police cruiser is observed in the photograph. This gate had been blown off of its hinges with what was believed to be dynamite at around eleven or twelve o'clock that evening. There is no record to indicate the

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exact time that the photograph was taken, but it was believed to have been around 1:00 or 2:00 a.m., on the morning of October 14, 1978.

[ ] furnished one copy of each photograph to Special Agent [ ]

[ ] also advised that with regards to [ ] he had absolutely no idea of his current whereabouts. [ ] advised that [ ] worked for the Wackenhut Corporation for only a very short period of time and was one of hundreds that the company hired off the streets from throughout the country in order to properly protect Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper property. The newspaper has been attempting to locate [ ] for several months in order to testify in local court regarding an incident that he witnessed, however, they have been unsuccessful in locating him. He advised that the newspaper has no record of his permanent address and that his address while employed at the paper was the Treadway Inn in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He additionally advised that he has contacted the Wackenhut Corporation with negative results in an attempt to determine [ ] whereabouts.

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[ ] was advised of the identity of the interviewing agent and the fact that he was being interviewed regarding a possible violation of the Civil Rights Statute and that the investigation into this matter was being conducted at the specific request of the U.S. Department of Justice.

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[ ] advised that in October and November, 1978, he was in [ ] with the Wackenhut Corporation at the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper Company at 15 North Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. During this time period there were numerous incidents involving striking union employees and the current employees of the newspaper. The Wackenhut Corporation took numerous photographs of these incidents, however, a review of the photographer's work indicates no photographs of any police officers are available which note police officers failing to perform their duties during the commission of a criminal act by striking employees.

[ ] advised that there were two photographs of an incident which took place on October 25, 1978, in which one of their employees, [ ] was severely beaten by one of the union members, [ ]. One of the photographs shows Wackenhut employee [ ] on the ground while several union employees are beating on him. The other photograph is a close-up view of his face and which shows the injuries he suffered at the hands of the union employees. [ ] furnished these two photographs to Special Agent [ ].

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[ ] additionally advised that the Wackenhut Corporation for the past several months had been attempting to locate an ex-Wackenhut guard, [ ]. The Wackenhut Corporation was looking for him in order to obtain his testimony at a local hearing in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., regarding an incident which he had witnessed. [ ] stated that

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[ ] was originally hired out of their Washington, D.C. office, however, the corporation has no record of his permanent or current address. [ ] has questioned several Wackenhut employees who knew [ ] at the time of his initial hiring and he believes that he was originally from either West Virginia or the State of South Carolina. He has also heard rumors that [ ] has joined the Marine Corps. [ ] worked for the corporation for approximately one month and was hired as a [ ] at \$3.65 an hour. In November, 1978, the Wilkes-Barre Times Leader Newspaper terminated their contract with the Wackenhut Corporation and as a result, Wackenhut laid off numerous security guards. [ ] was one of those laid off and no contact has been made with him since that time.

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*Memorandum*

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION

DATE: 6/28/79

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: UNSUB, WILKES-BARRE, PENNSYLVANIA,  
POLICE DEPARTMENT; WACKENHUT CORPORATION  
EMPLOYEES - VICTIMS  
DENIAL OF POLICE PROTECTION  
CIVIL RIGHTS

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copy*

Reference is made to your memorandum dated 5/22/79  
(your file DJ 144-63-364).  
**DSD:DFR:EMM:JEC**

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There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent   
dated 6/21/79 at PHILADELPHIA.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☐ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☒ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

Enc. (1) Also enclosed are four 8 x 10 photographs.



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